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大シュガフ船攻略に向け進撃を開始したシドニアは、ガウナとの遭遇戦に突入した。

偵察任務中に、敵のただ中に取り残されたイザナを救うべく、長道と融合個体・白羽衣つむぎは戦場へと急ぐが

立ちはだかる特異な力を持つガウナと因縁の宿敵

シドニアに絶対の危機が迫る!!

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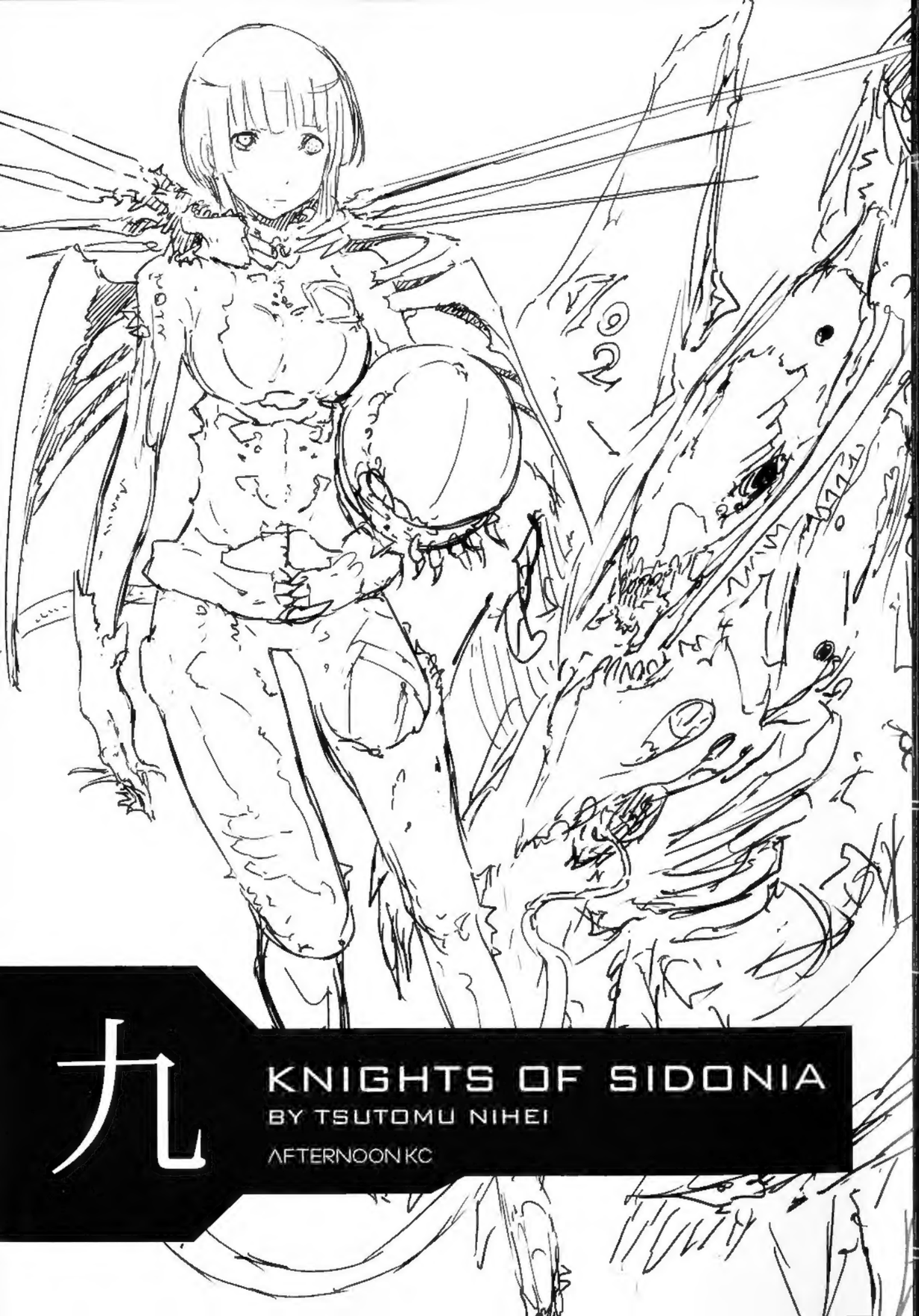

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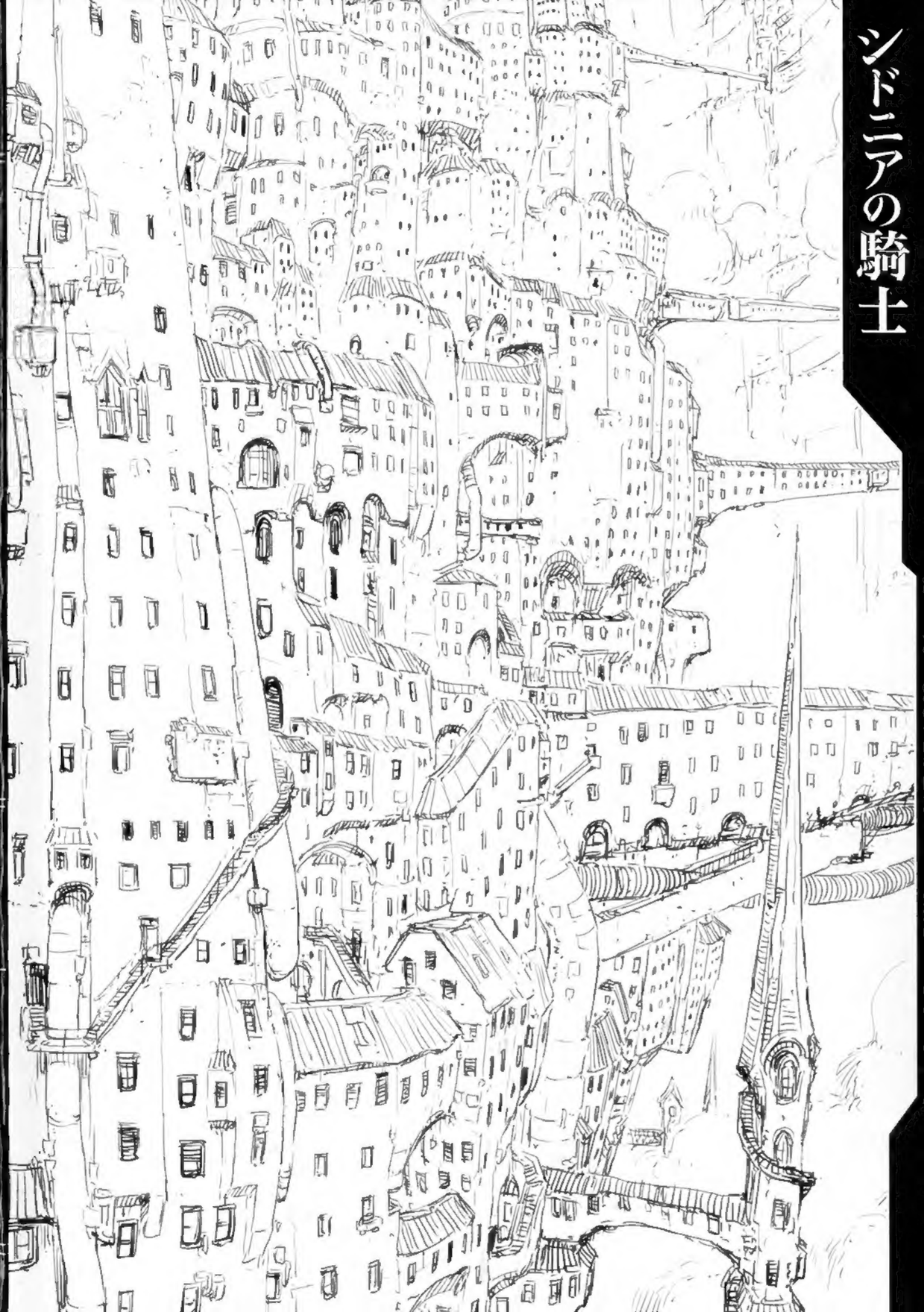

シドニアの騎士

BASE!

DID IZANA CONTACT YOU?

COMM-UNICA-TIONS ARE STILL BROKEN.

WE DON'T KNOW THEIR SITUATION SINCE THEY ENTERED LEM-IX'S ATMOSPHERE.

TANIKAZE, ALL WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW...

...IS TO BELIEVE IN THEM AND FLY TO THEIR RESCUE.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

SORRY, TSUMUGI.

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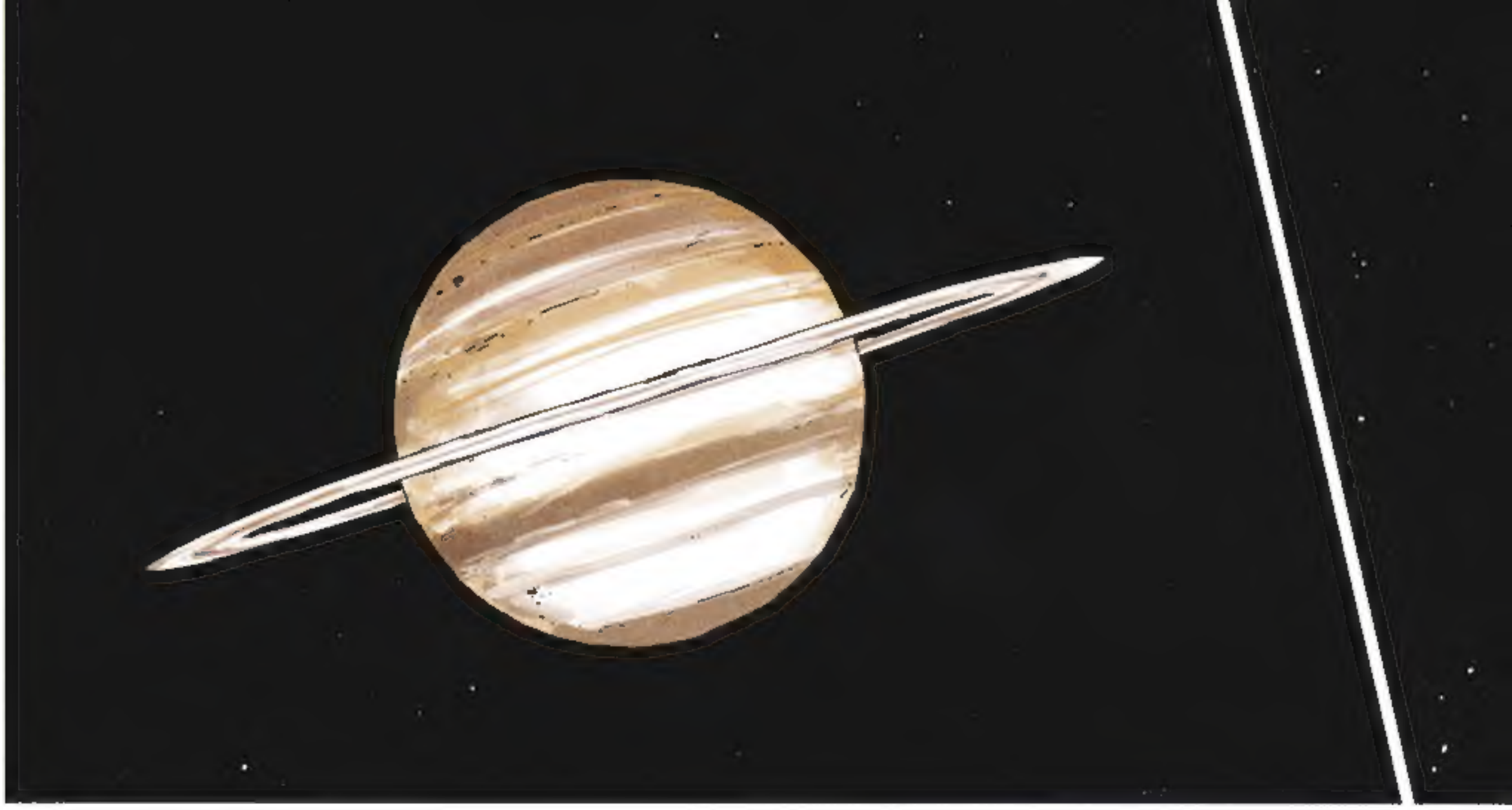

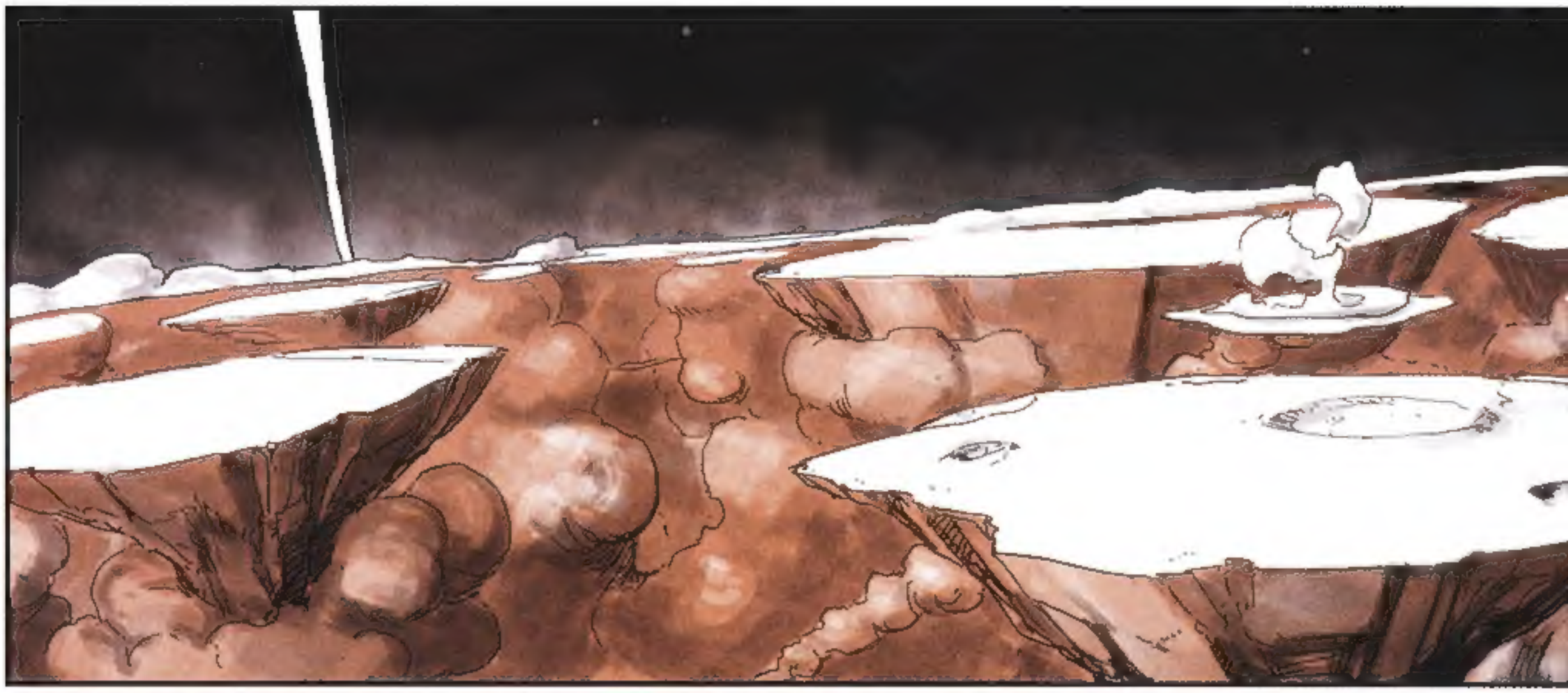

AIRFAME TEMP. RIS
GAUNA
APPROACHING

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THE AIRFRAME SEEMS TO BE AT ITS LIMIT....

THE PLAN ISN'T THAT GOOD.

YOU'RE NOT HALF BAD, SHINA-TOSE!

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ENTERING THE ATMO-SPHERE TO EVADE THE GAUNAS, HUH?

THEY'RE CATCH-ING UP!!

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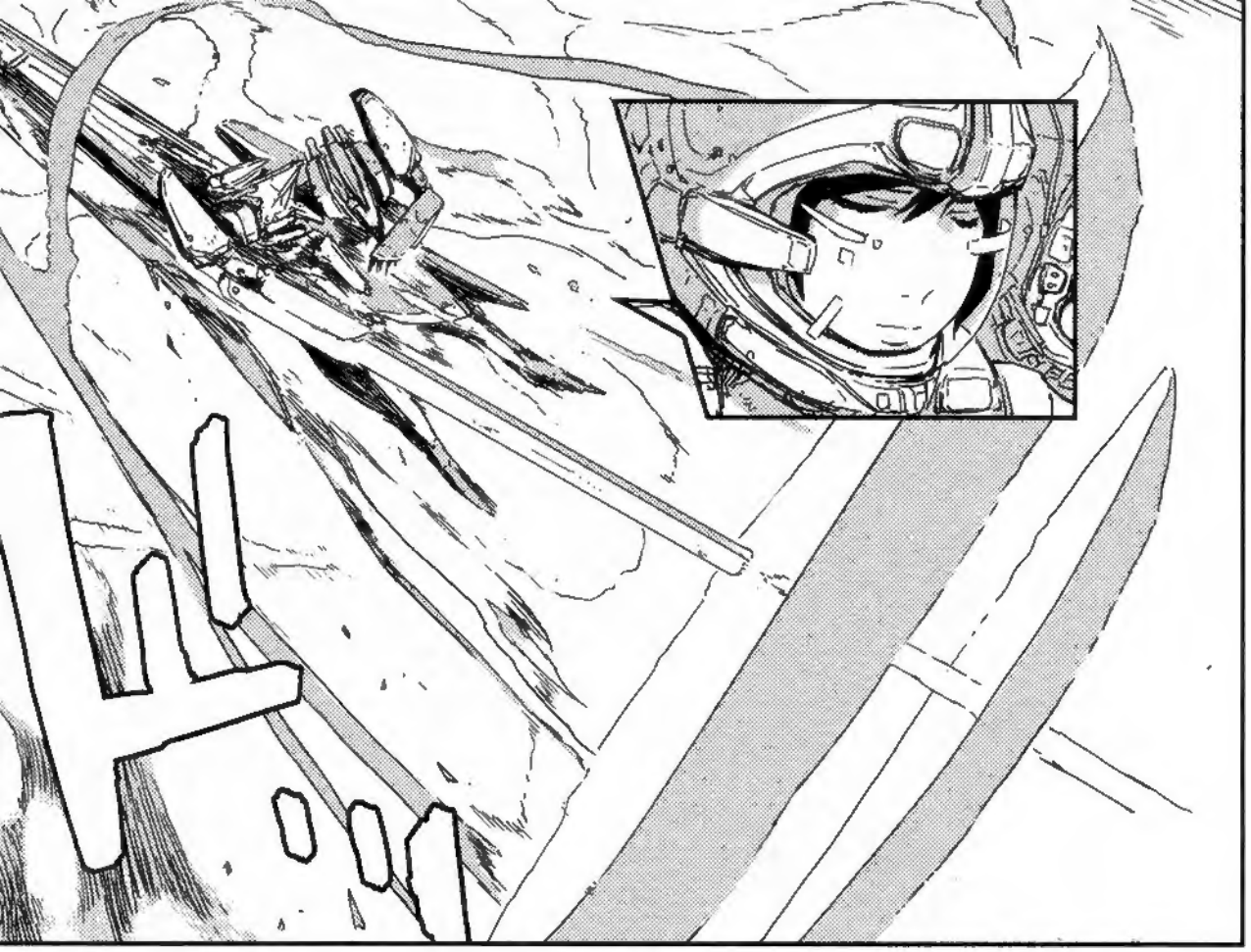
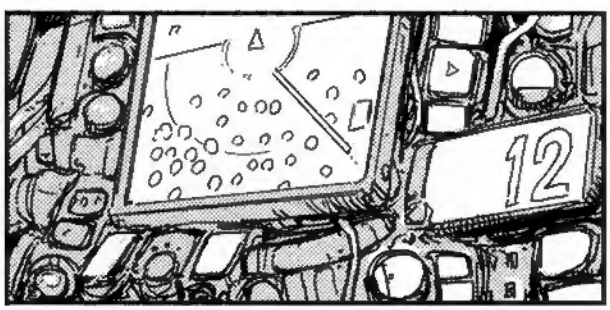


TOO MANY GUANAS, I'M ALMOST OUT OF AMMO....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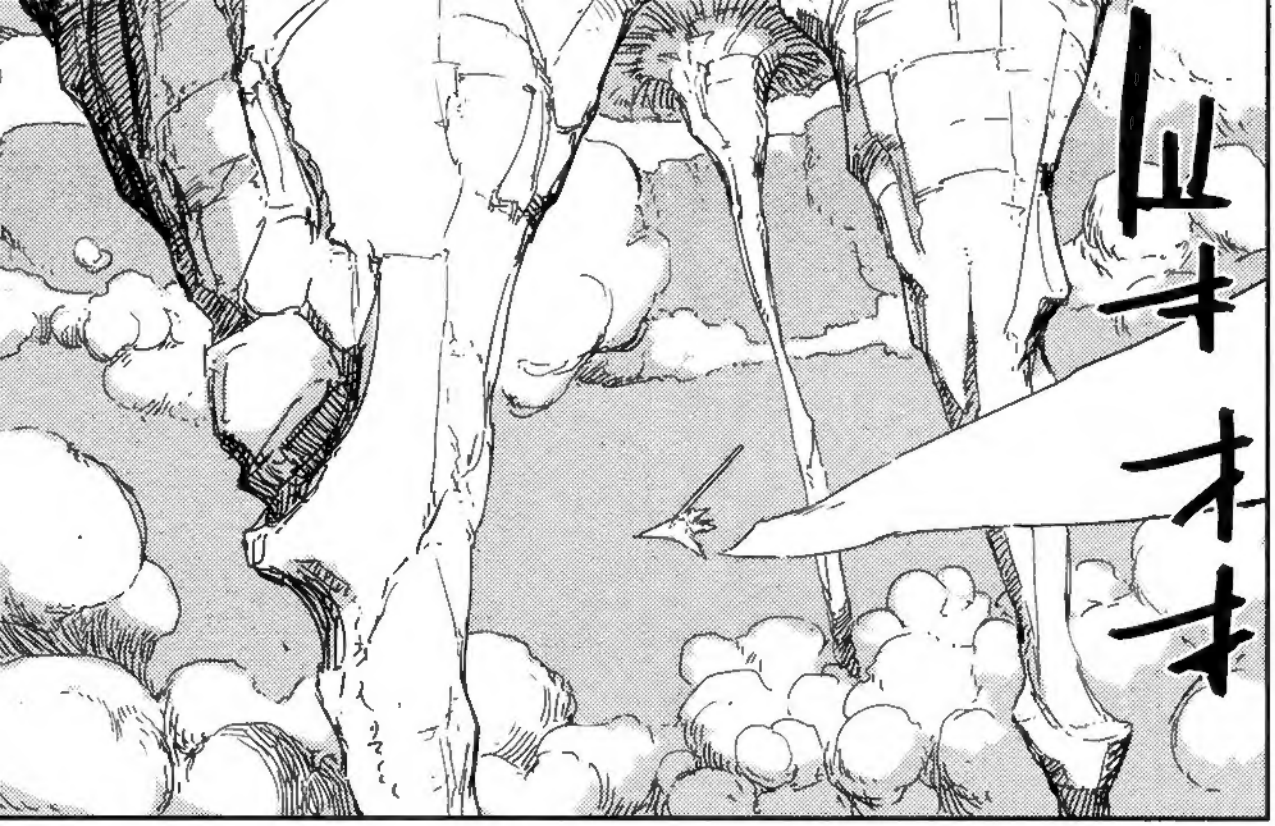
SHINATOSE! OBSTACLE DEAD AHEAD!!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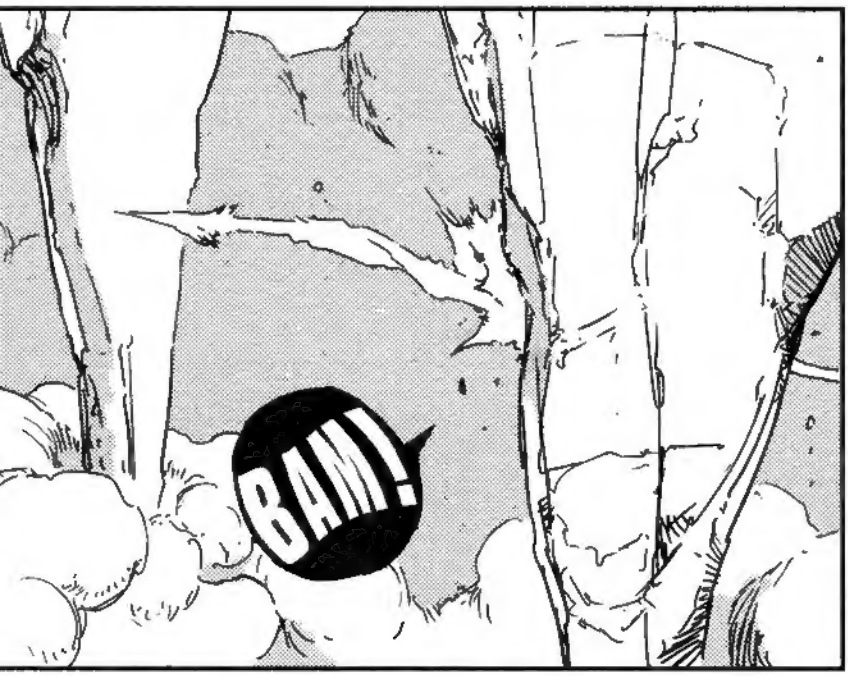
BAM!

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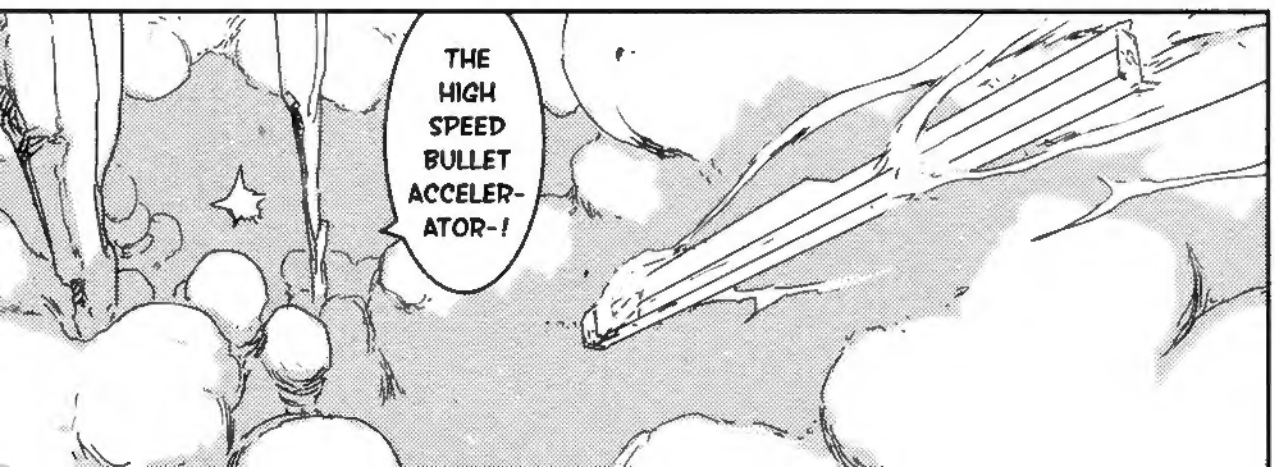
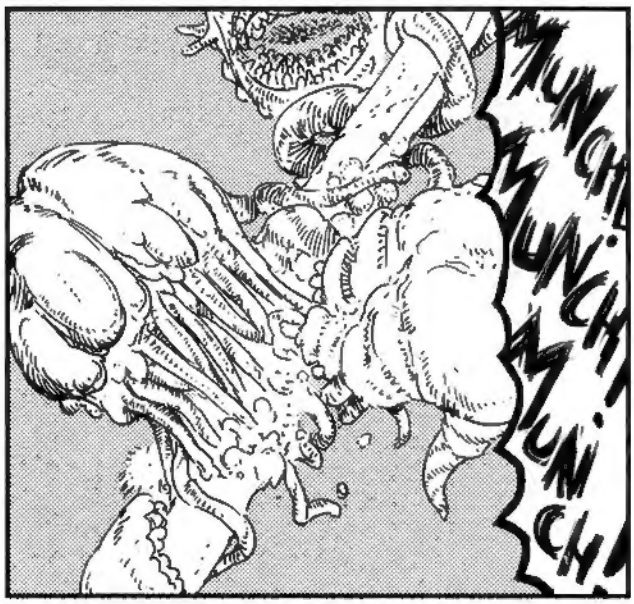
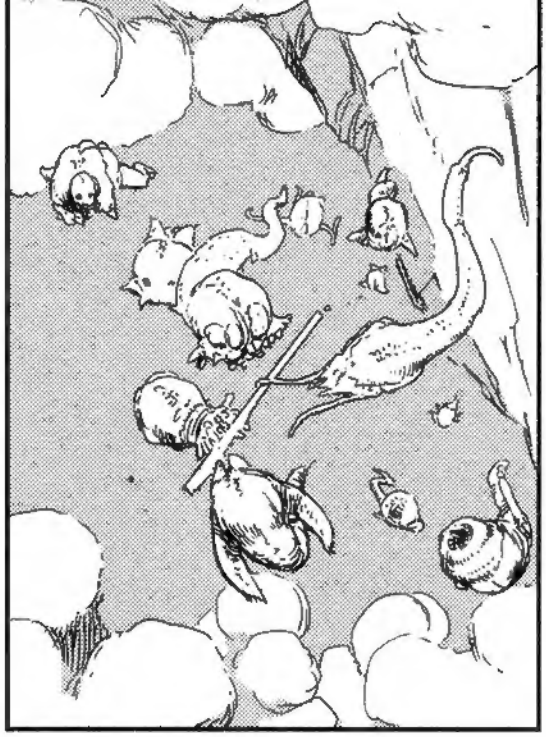
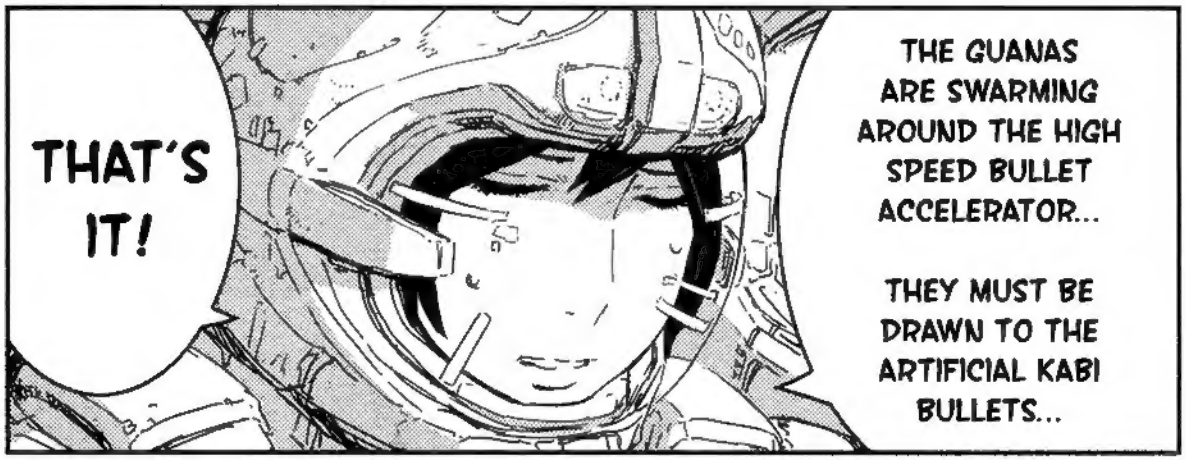
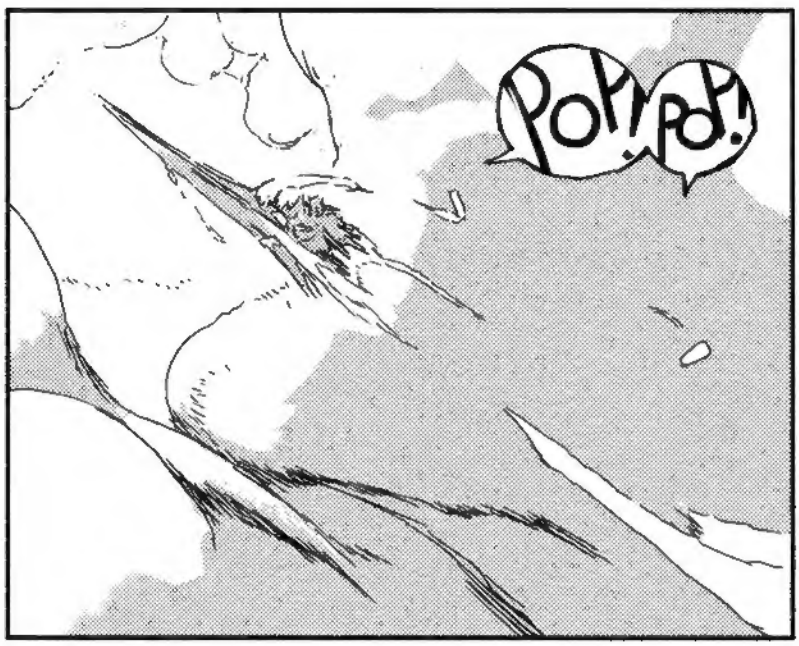
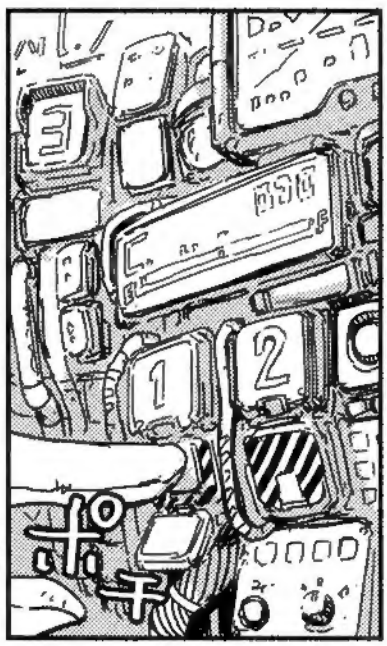

THE HIGH SPEED BULLET ACCELER-ATOR-!


MUNCH!
MUNCH!
MUNCH!




THAT'S IT!
THE GUANAS ARE SWARMING AROUND THE HIGH SPEED BULLET ACCELERATOR...
THEY MUST BE DRAWN TO THE ARTIFICIAL KABI BULLETS...


POP! POP!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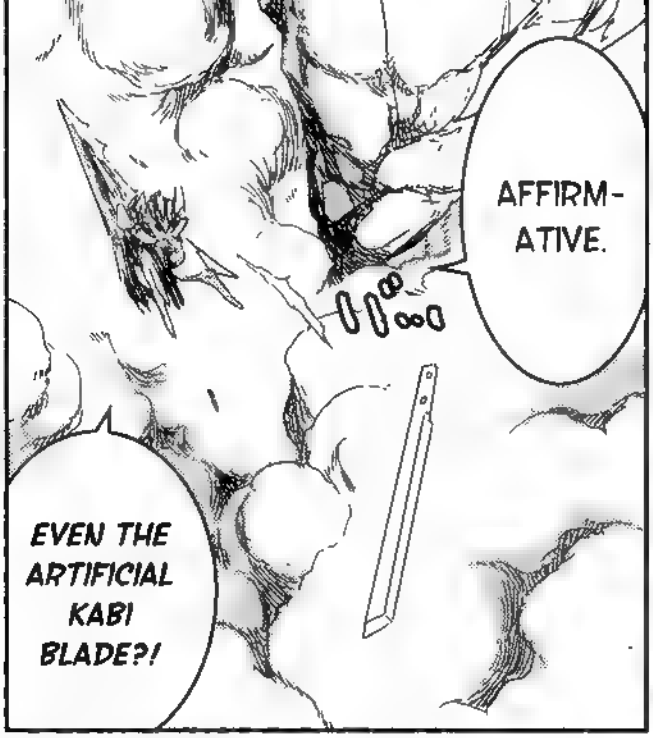
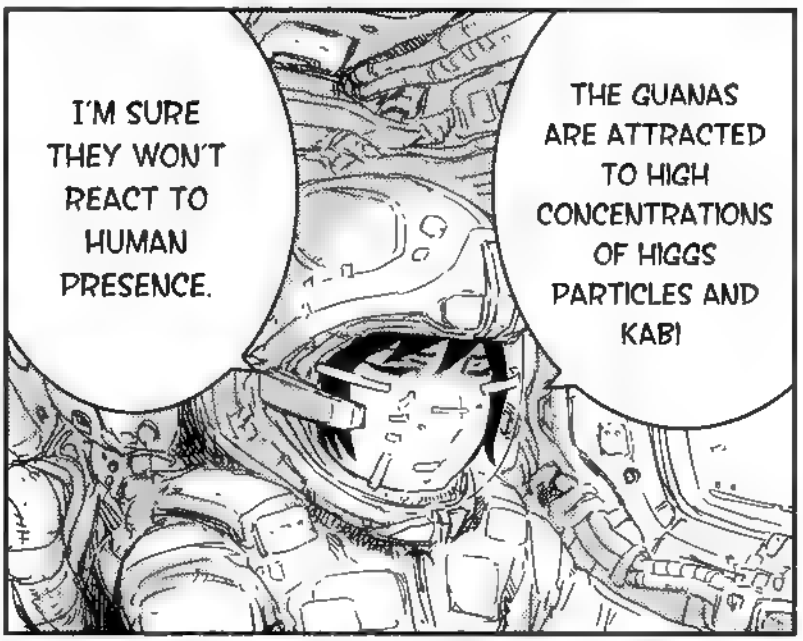
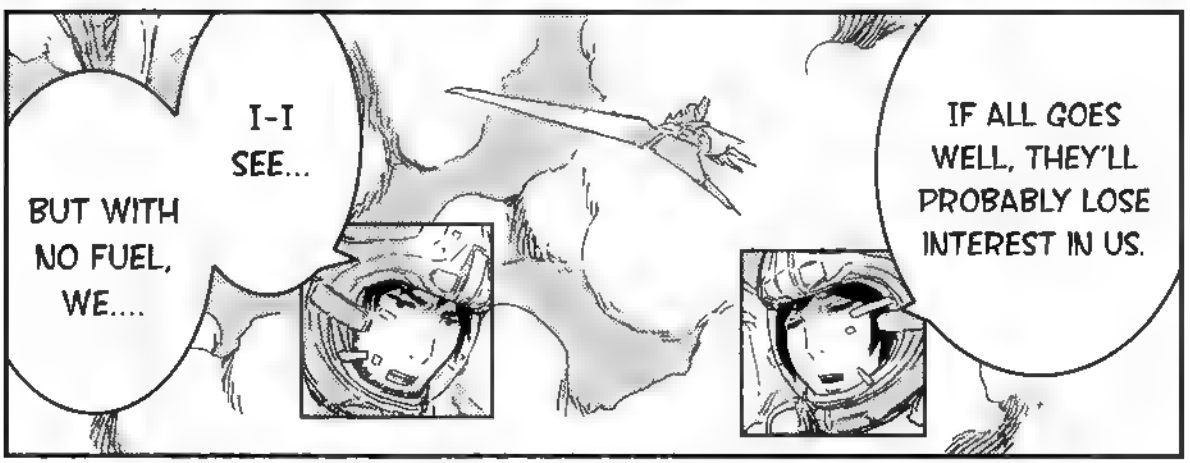
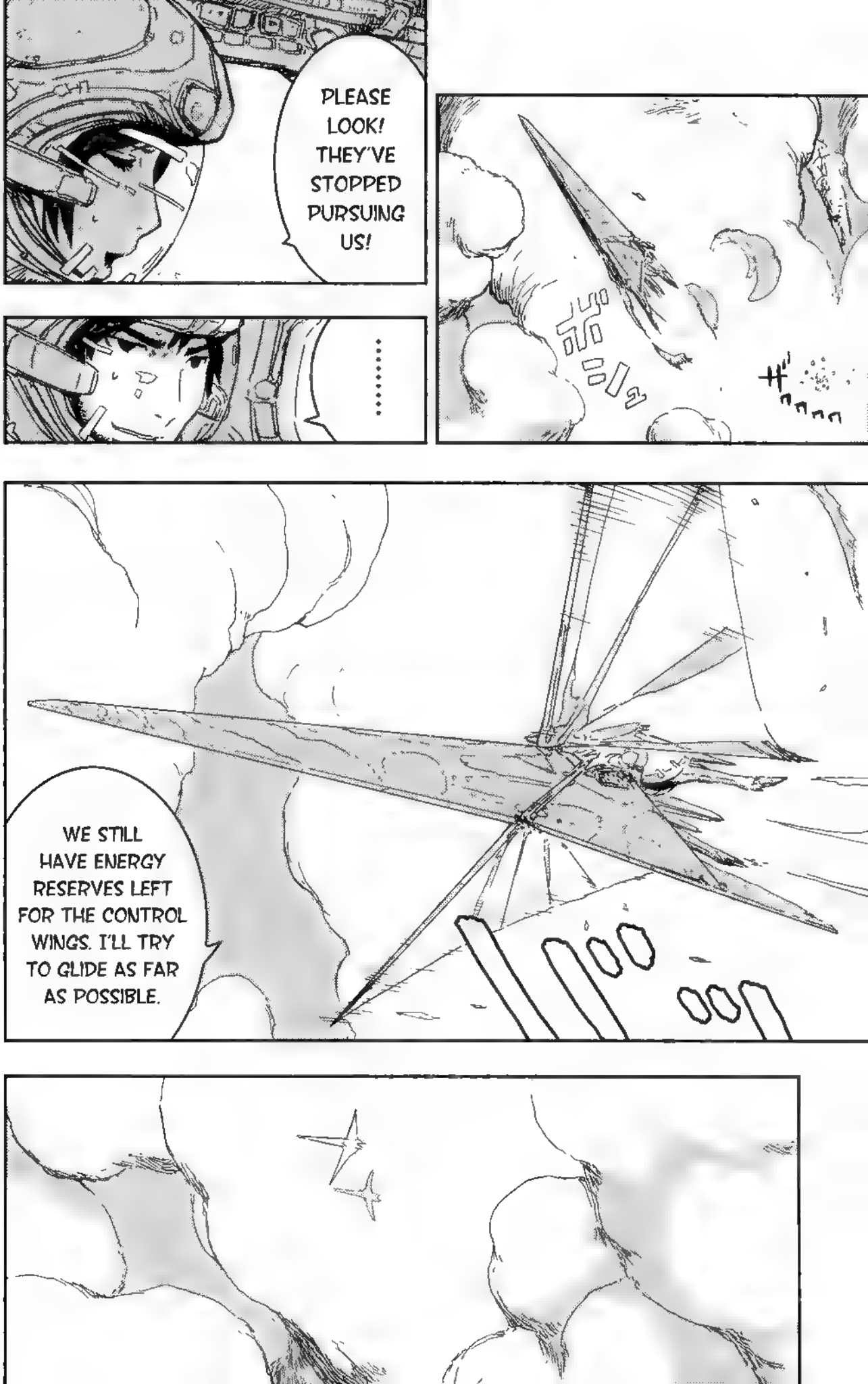

AFFIRM-
ATIVE.
EVEN THE ARTIFICIAL KABI BLADE?!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, SHINATOSE?!
DID YOU JUST DROP THE FUEL?!


I'M SURE THEY WON'T REACT TO HUMAN PRESENCE.
THE GUANAS ARE ATTRACTED TO HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF HIGGS PARTICLES AND KABI


I-I SEE...
BUT WITH NO FUEL, WE....
IF ALL GOES WELL, THEY'LL PROBABLY LOSE INTEREST IN US.


PLEASE LOOK! THEY'VE STOPPED PURSUING US!
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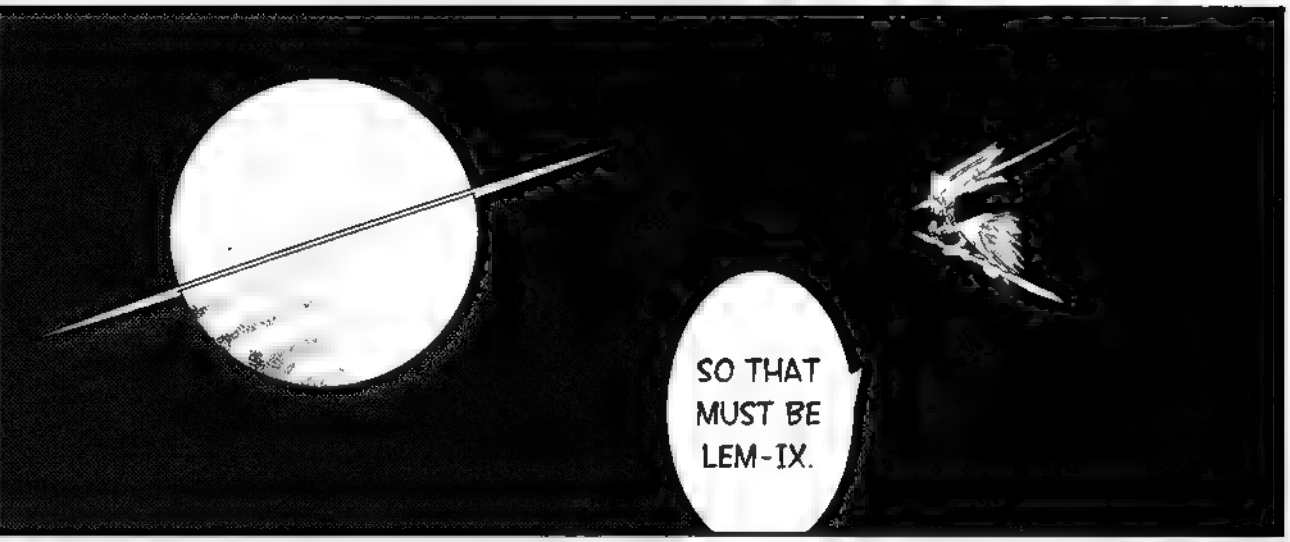
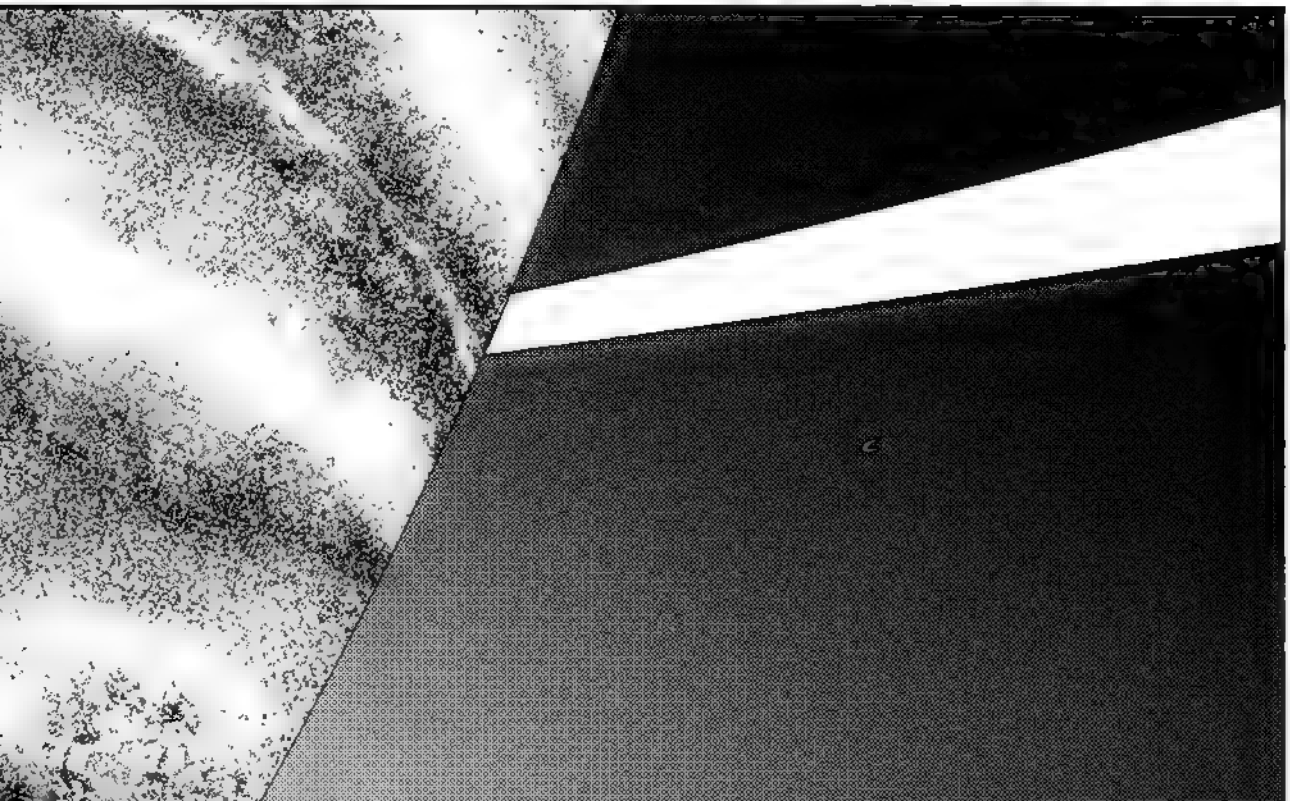
WE STILL HAVE ENERGY RESERVES LEFT FOR THE CONTROL WINGS. I'LL TRY TO GLIDE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.


SO THAT MUST BE LEM-IX.



COPY.
YES.
WE'LL AVOID THE GAUNAS' TRAP BY ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE FROM HIGH ORBIT!

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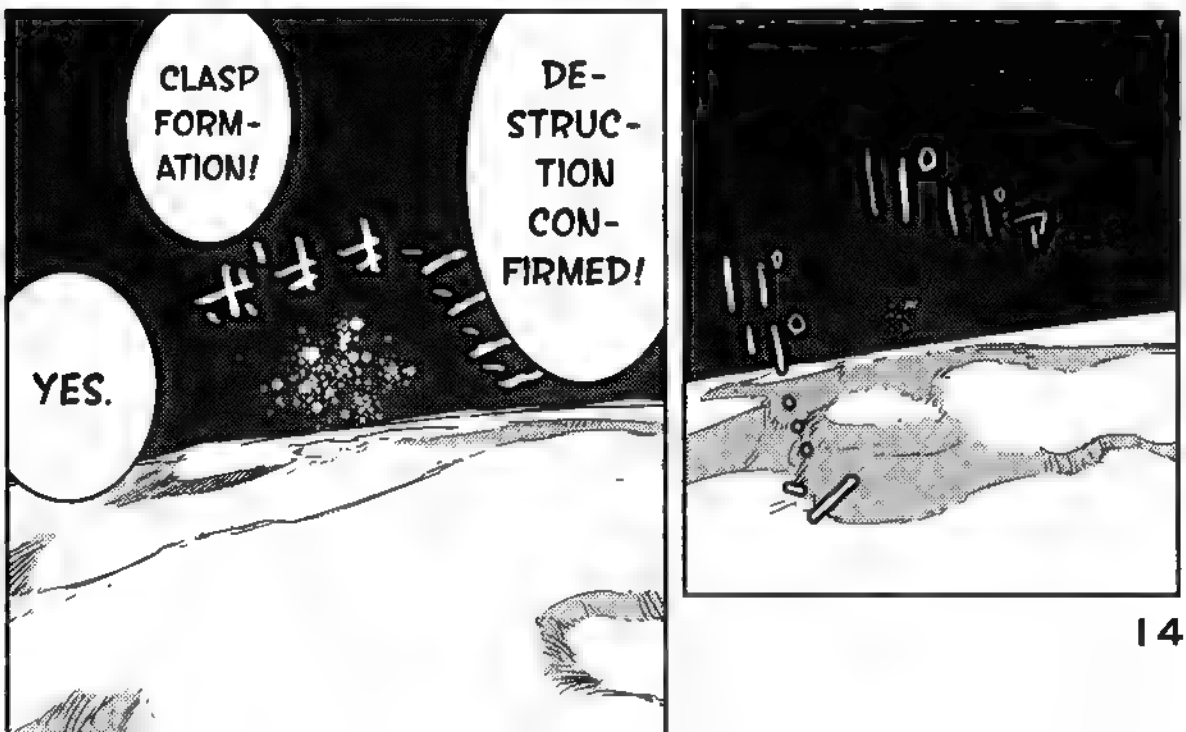
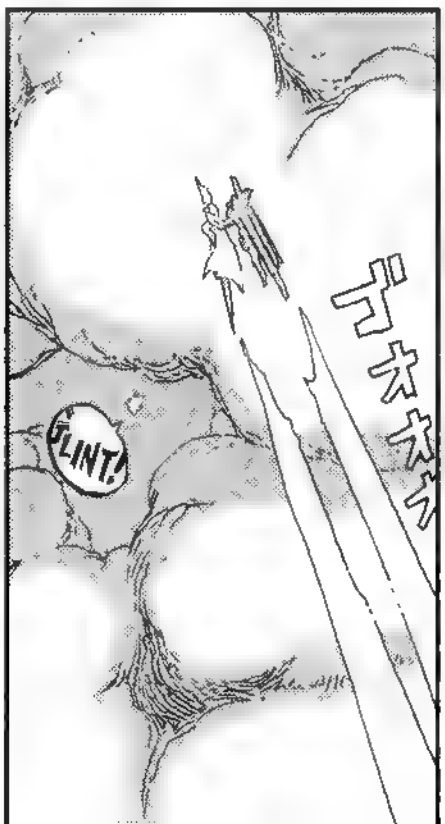
IDENTI-
FYING
PLACENTA
MEMBRANE
AHEAD.
PREPARE
FOR
ATMOSPHERIC
ENTRY!
ALRIGHT,
WE'RE ABOUT
TO REACH THE
AREA WHERE
IZANA'S SIGNAL
WAS LOST.
SHOOT
THEM DOWN!
BREAK CLASP
FORMATION!
GAUNAS!
AHEAD!


CLASP FORM-ATION!
DE-STRUC-TION CON-FIRMED!
YES.

..THEY WORK S-STUN-NINGLY WELL....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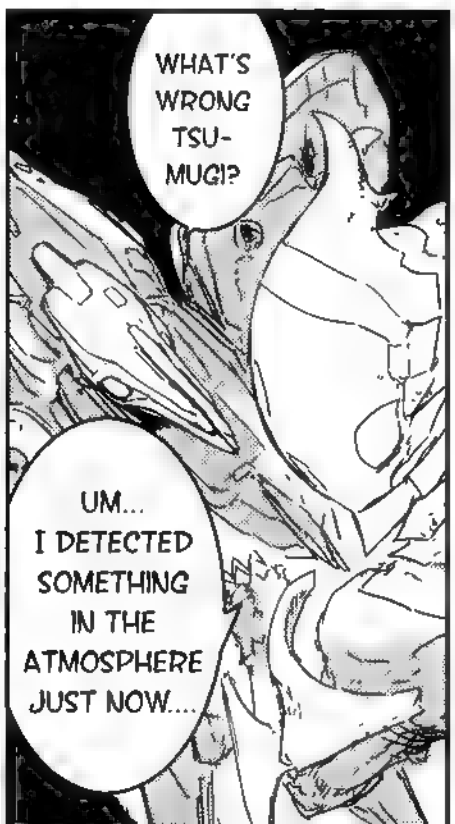
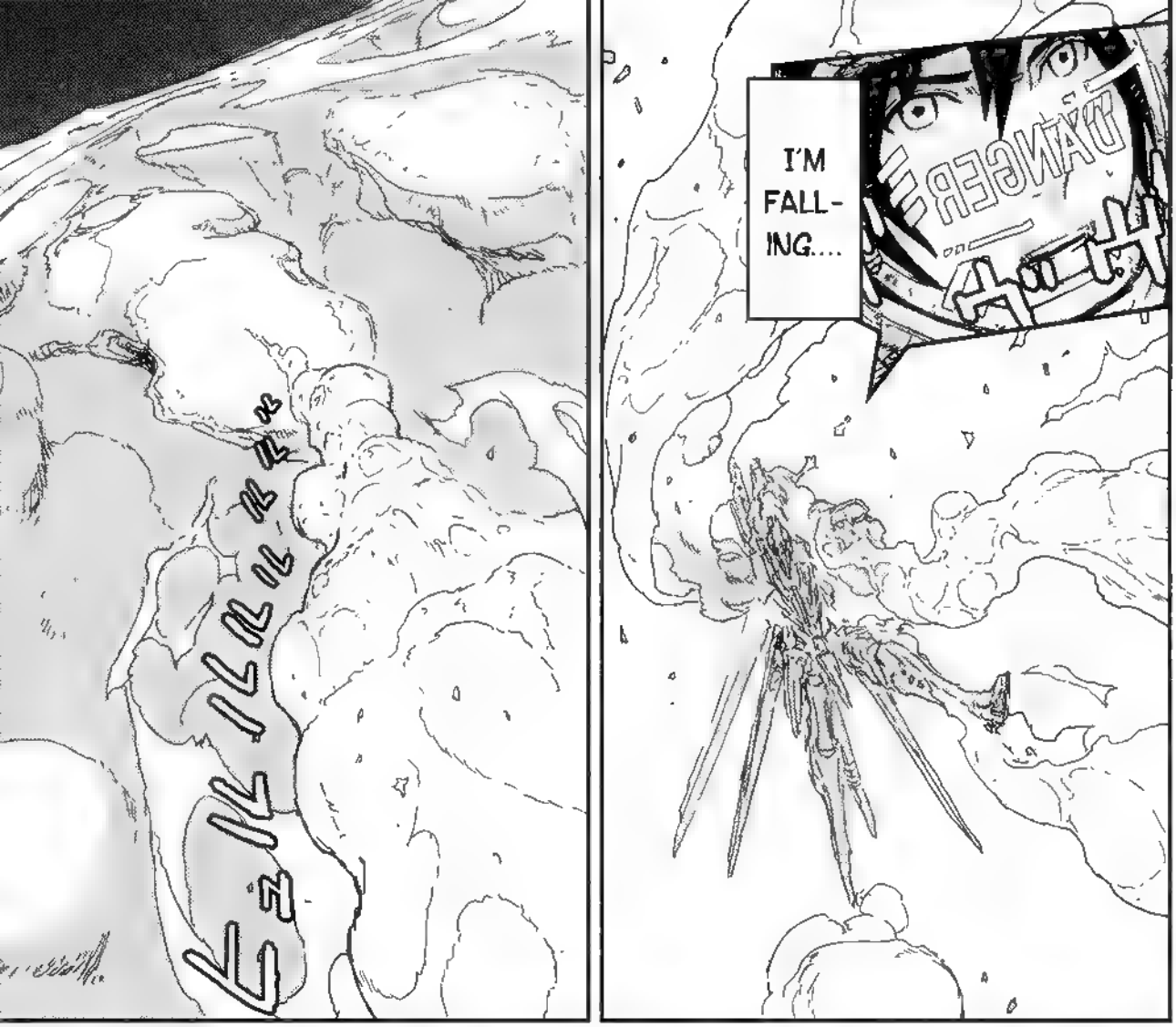

WHAT'S WRONG TSU-MUGI?
UM... I DETECTED SOMETHING IN THE ATMOSPHERE JUST NOW....


I'M FALL-ING....
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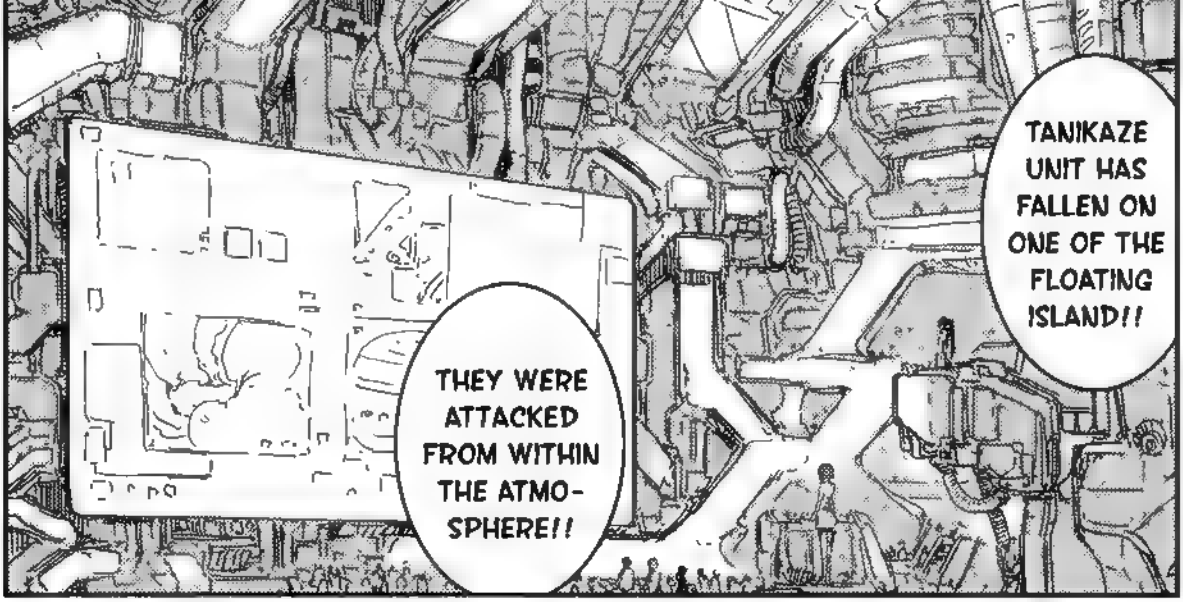
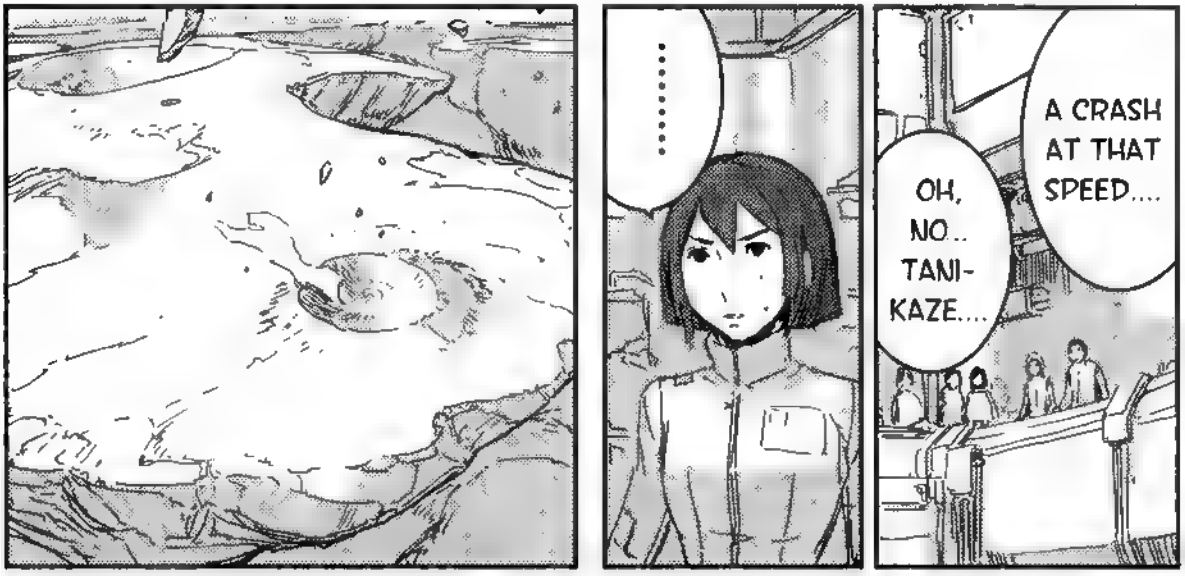
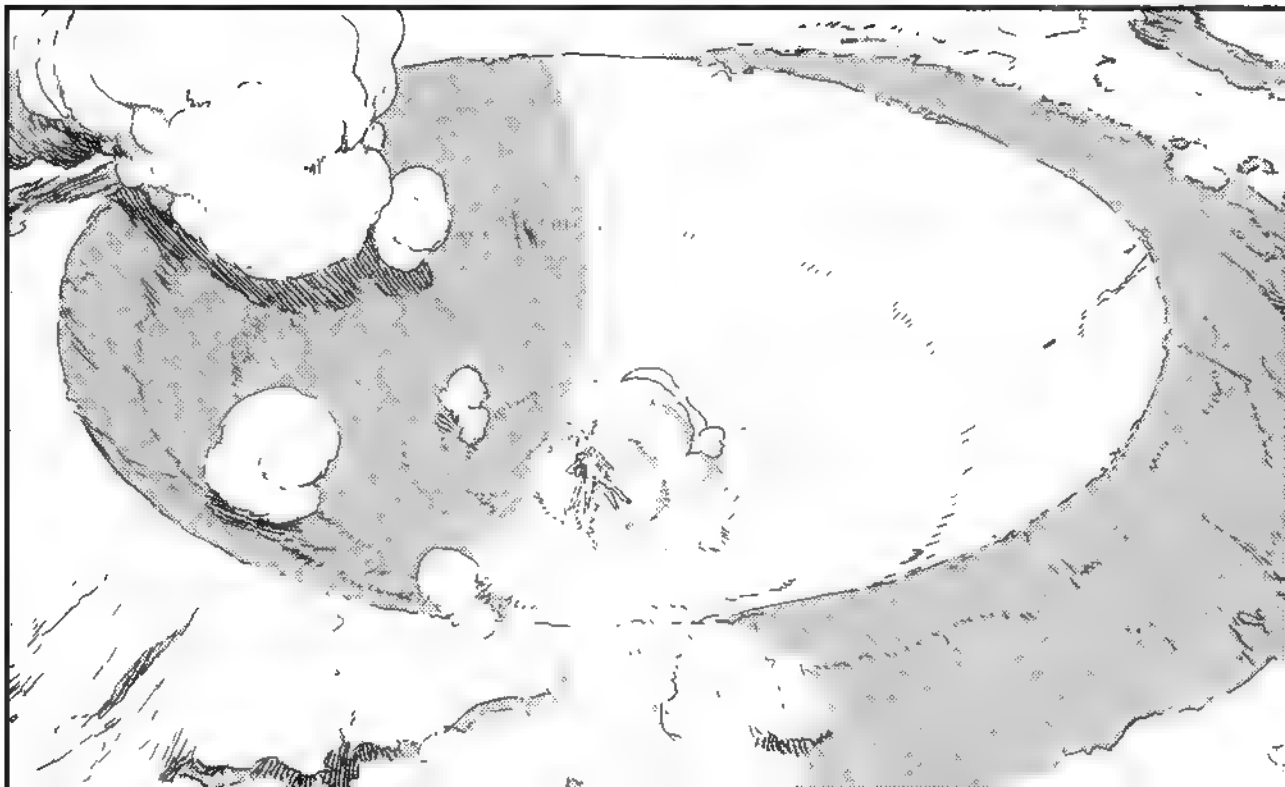
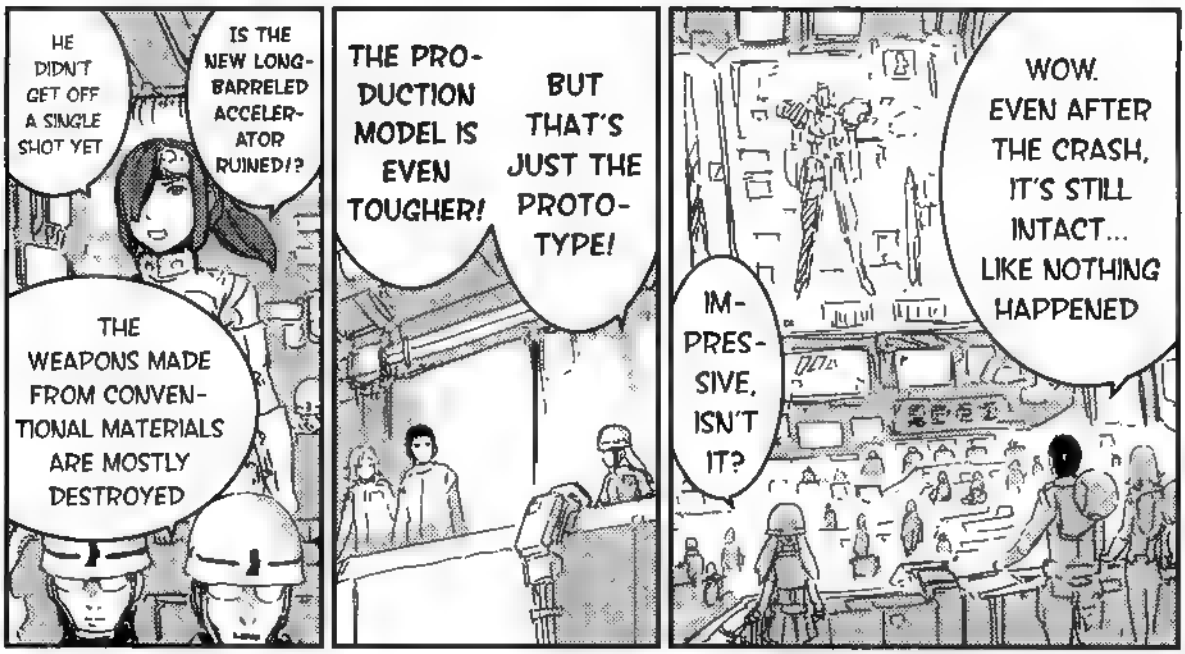
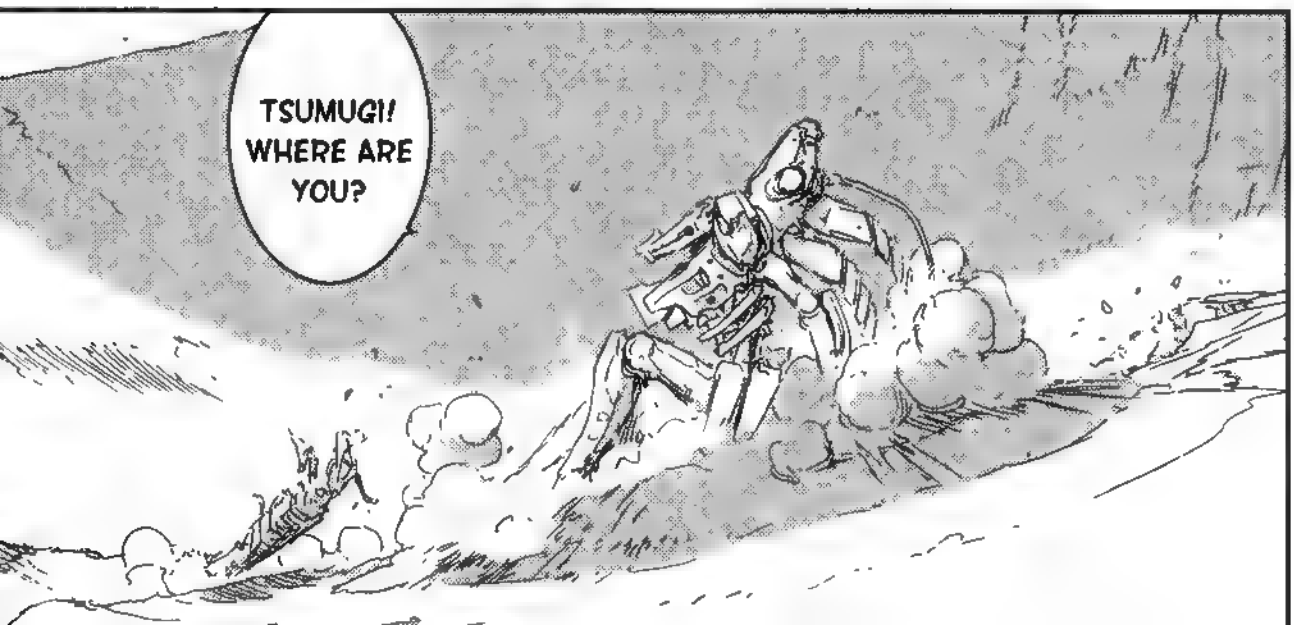

TANIKAZE UNIT HAS FALLEN ON ONE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!!
THEY WERE ATTACKED FROM WITHIN THE ATMO-SPHERE!!


A CRASH AT THAT SPEED....
OH, NO.. TANI-KAZE....

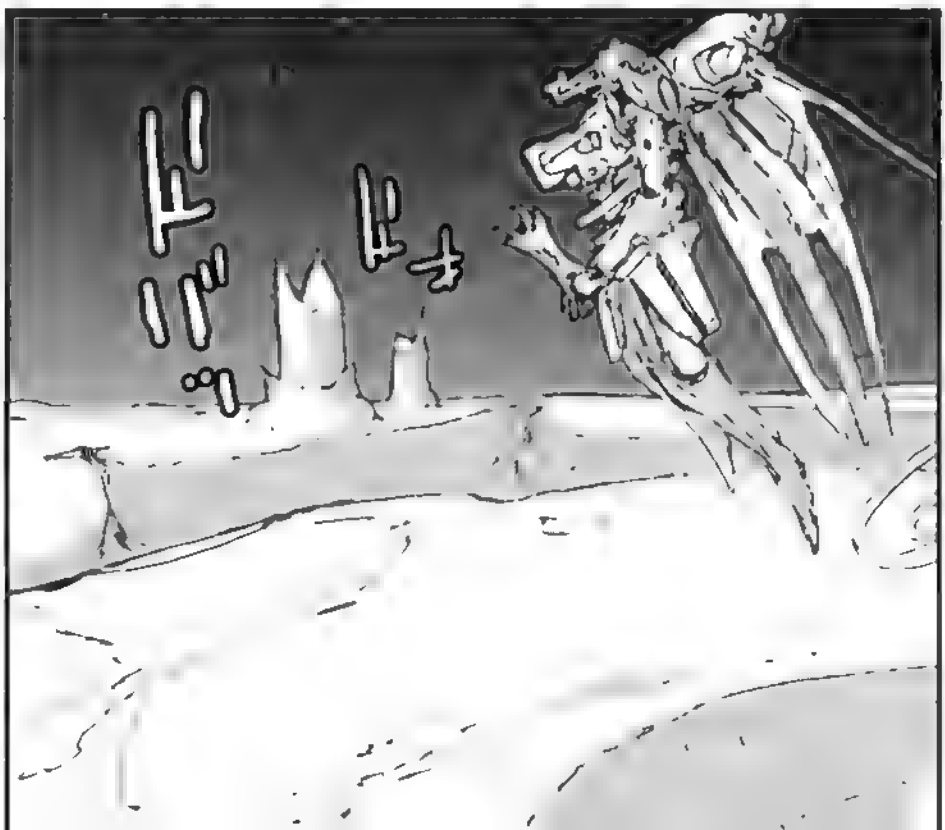


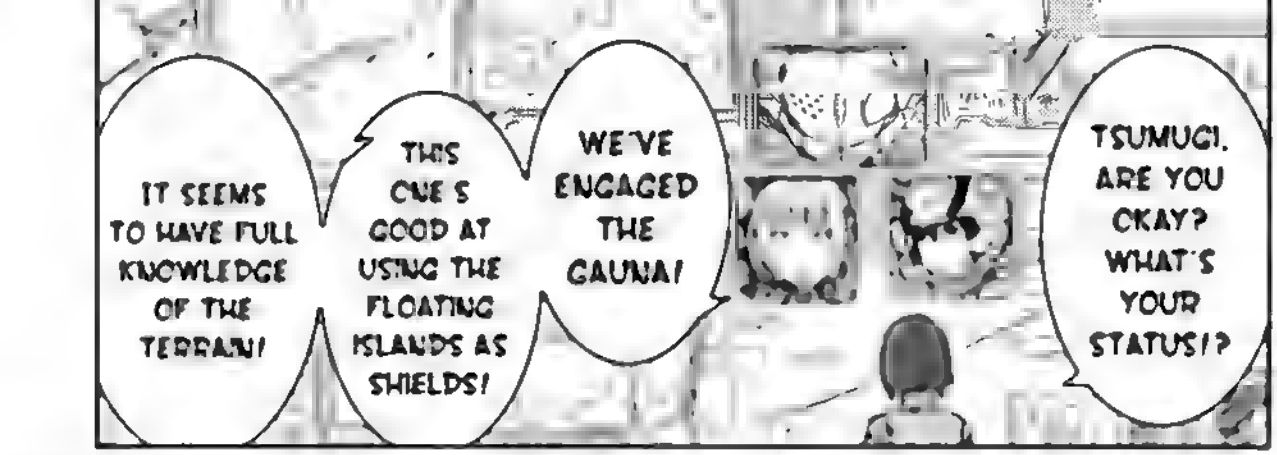
I'M SURE IT CAN MOVE!
STAND UP! HURRY!
I...
I'M ALIVE!?
AND THE AIR-FRAME!?
YES!
HAH!
HAH!
TANI-KAZE, RE-SPOND!

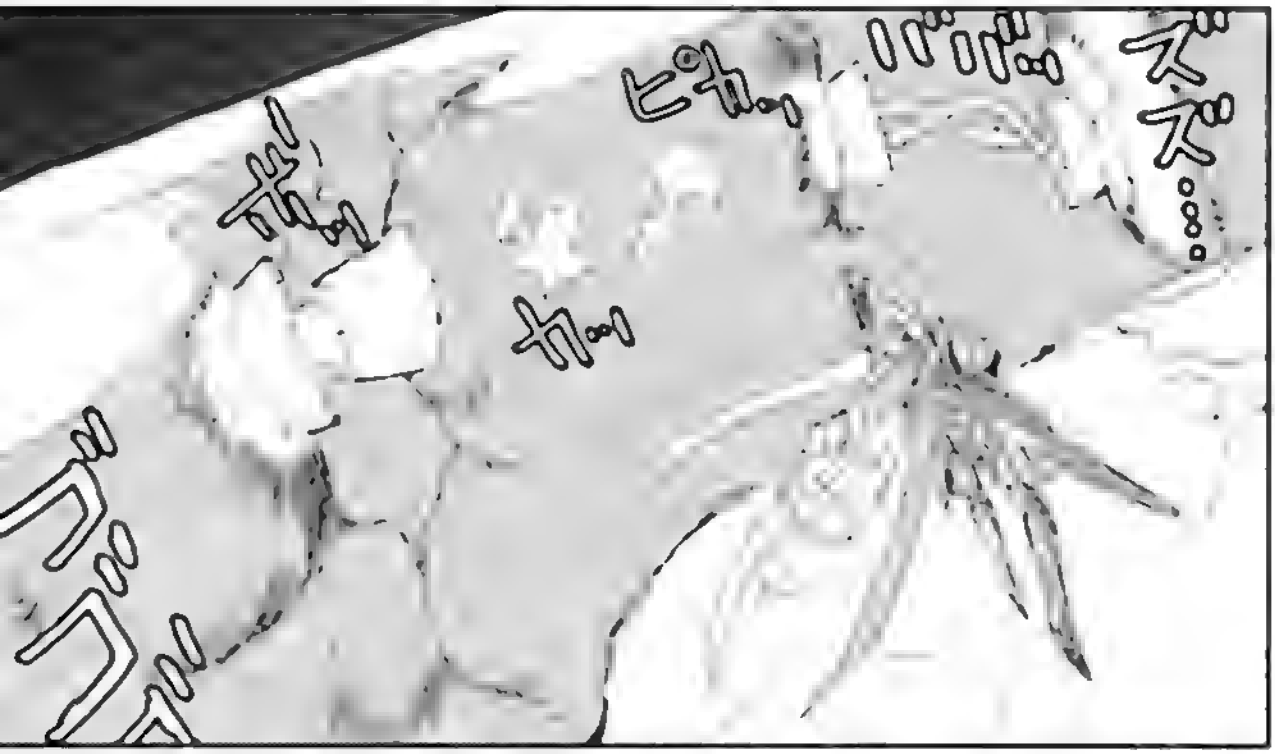

HE DIDN'T GET OFF A SINGLE SHOT YET
IS THE NEW LONG-BARRELED ACCELER-ATOR RUINED!?
THE WEAPONS MADE FROM CONVEN-TIONAL MATERIALS ARE MOSTLY DESTROYED
THE PRO-DUCTION MODEL IS EVEN TOUGHER!
BUT THAT'S JUST THE PROTO-TYPE!
IM-PRES-SIVE, ISN'T IT?
WOW. EVEN AFTER THE CRASH, IT'S STILL INTACT... LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED

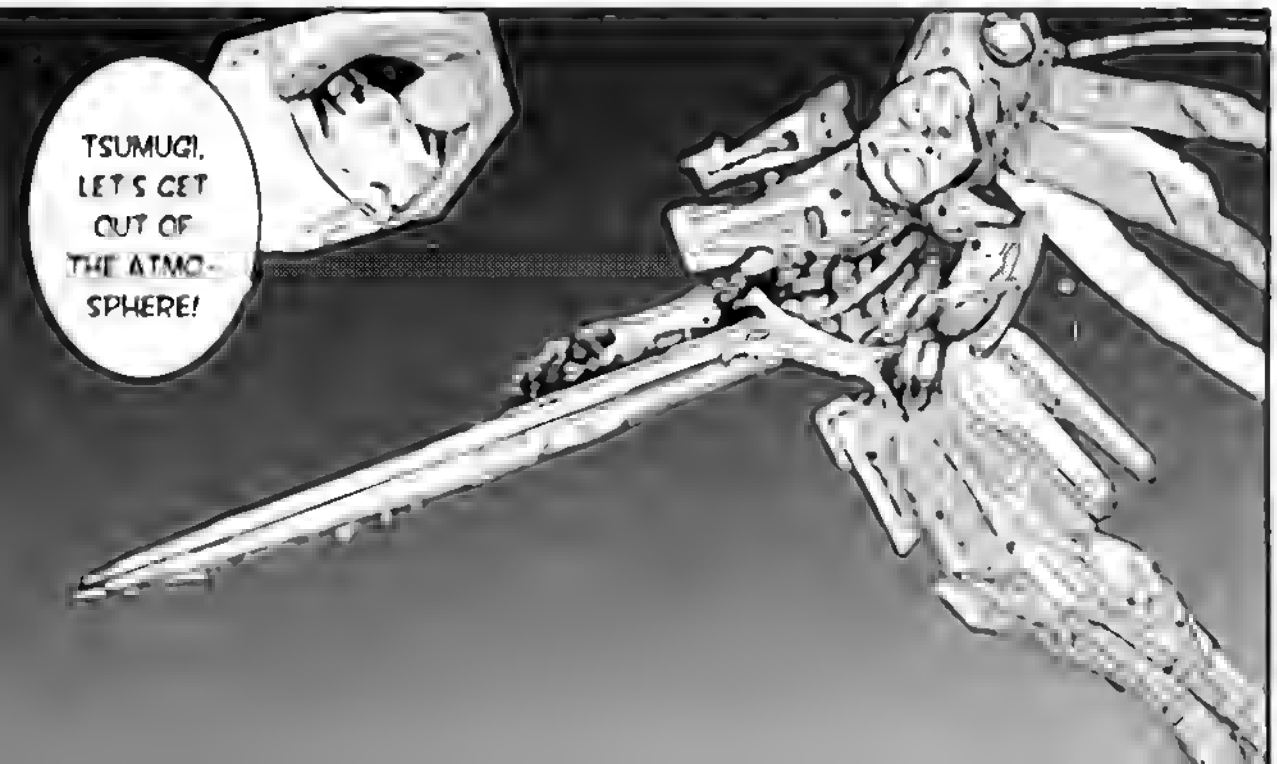

TSUMUGI! WHERE ARE YOU?

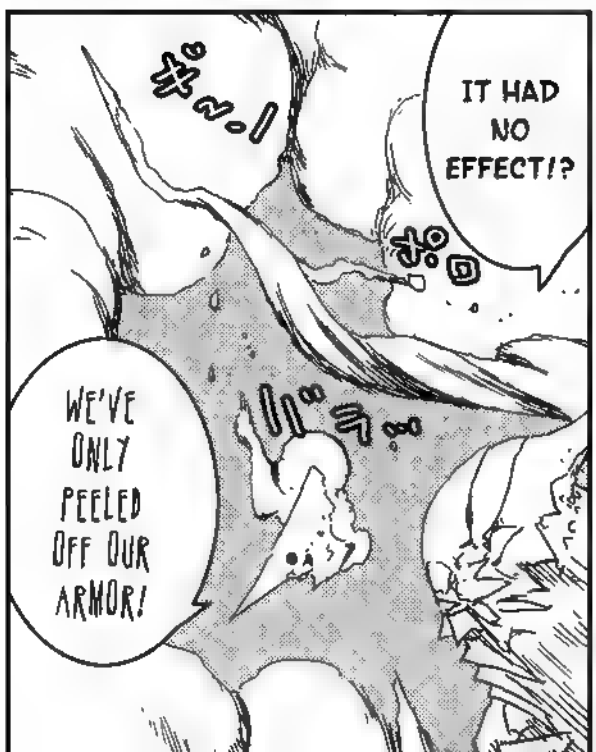
TSUMUGI!!




IT SEEMS TO HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERRAIN!
THIS ONE'S GOOD AT USING THE FLOATING ISLANDS AS SHIELDS!
WE'VE ENGAGED THE GAUNA!
TSUMUGI, ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT'S YOUR STATUS!?

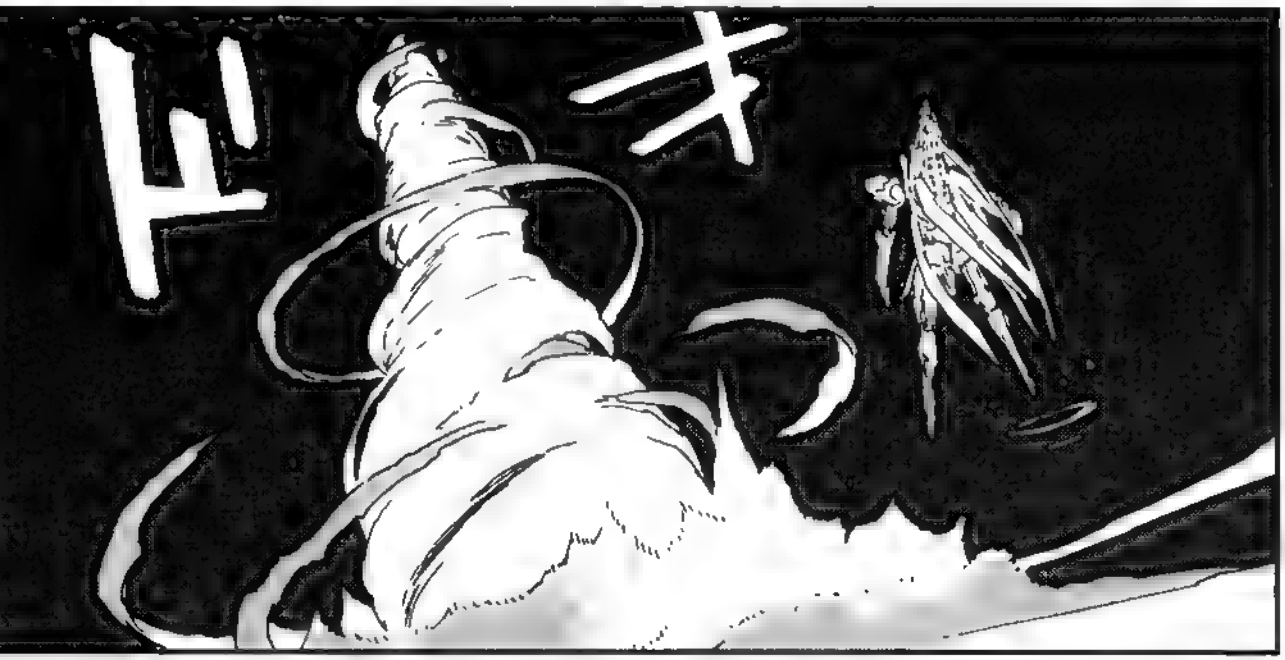


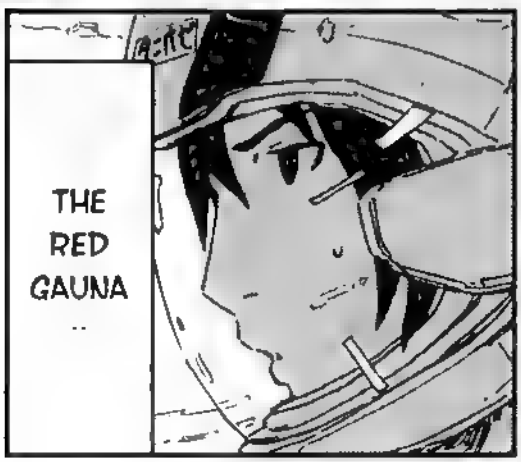

TSUMUGI, LET'S GET OUT OF THE ATMO-SPHERE!


IT HAD NO EFFECT!?
WE'VE ONLY PEELED OFF OUR ARMOR!

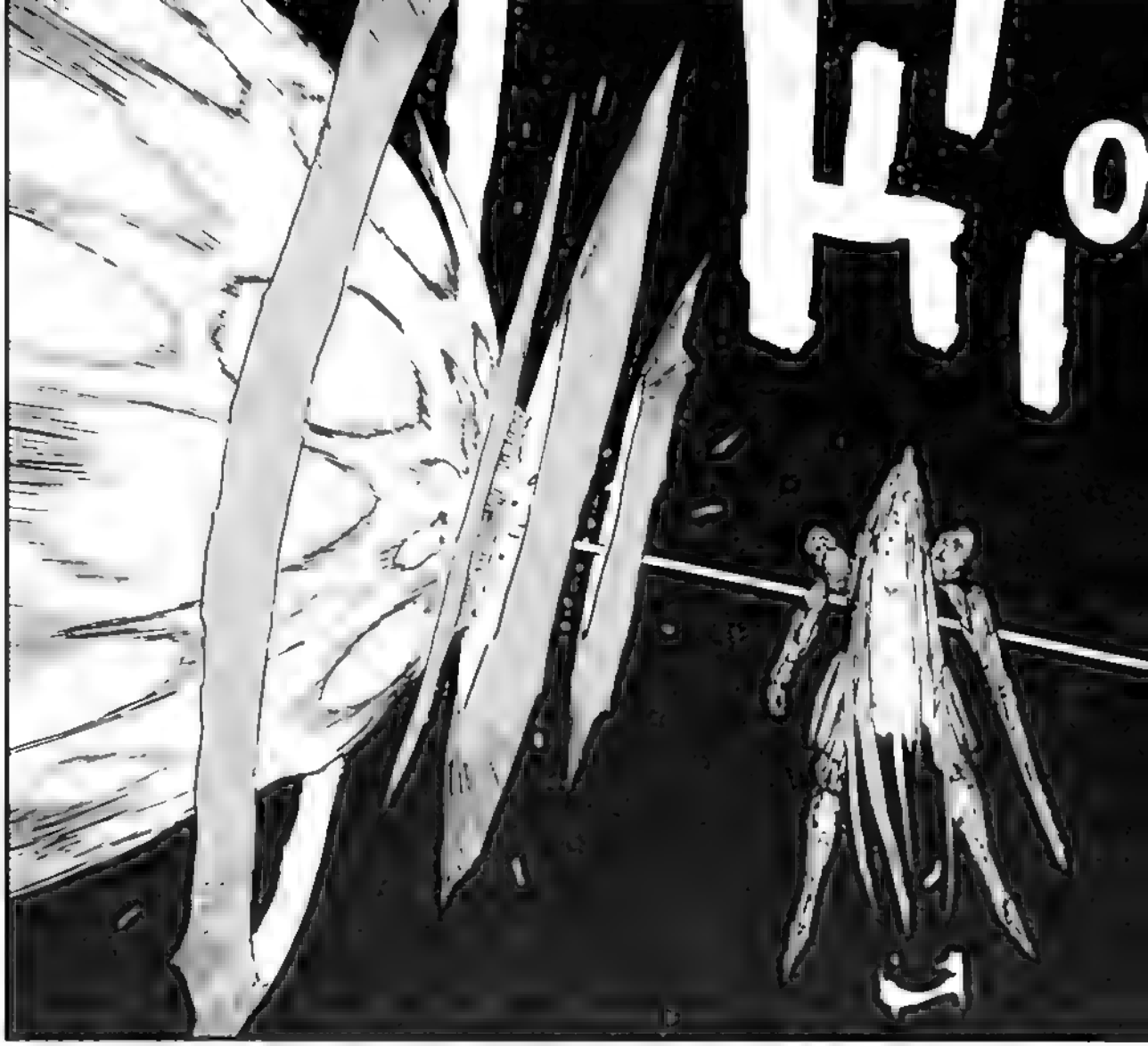
CRACKLE
A HIT!!

TANIKAZE!
IT'S HEADING YOUR WAY!!




THE RED GAUNA ..

BENI-
SUZUME
....



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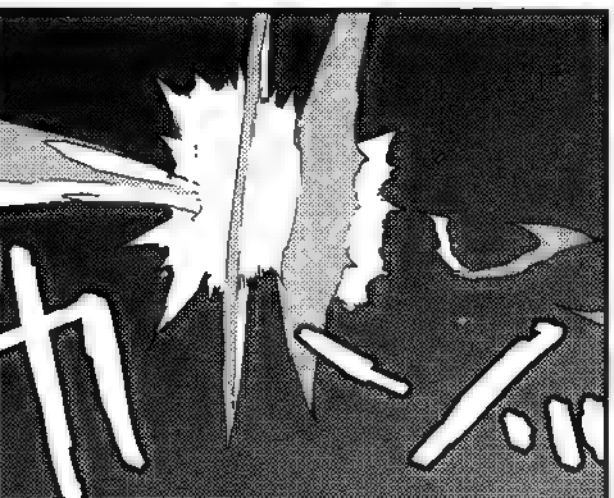

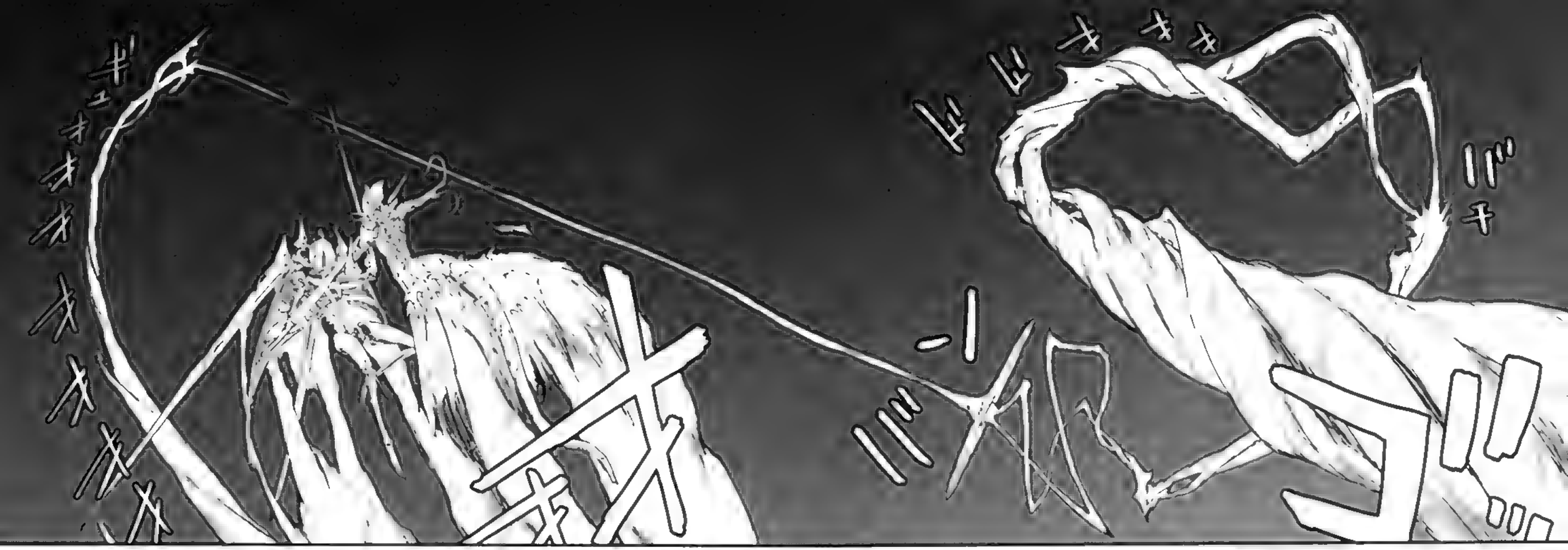

DON'T WASTE TIME HERE, PLEASE
DON'T WORRY TSUMUGI'S SPECS ARE HIGHER THAN BENISUZUME
TSU-MUGI!!
...GOT IT.

TANIKAZE, GET TO IZANA, HURRY!!

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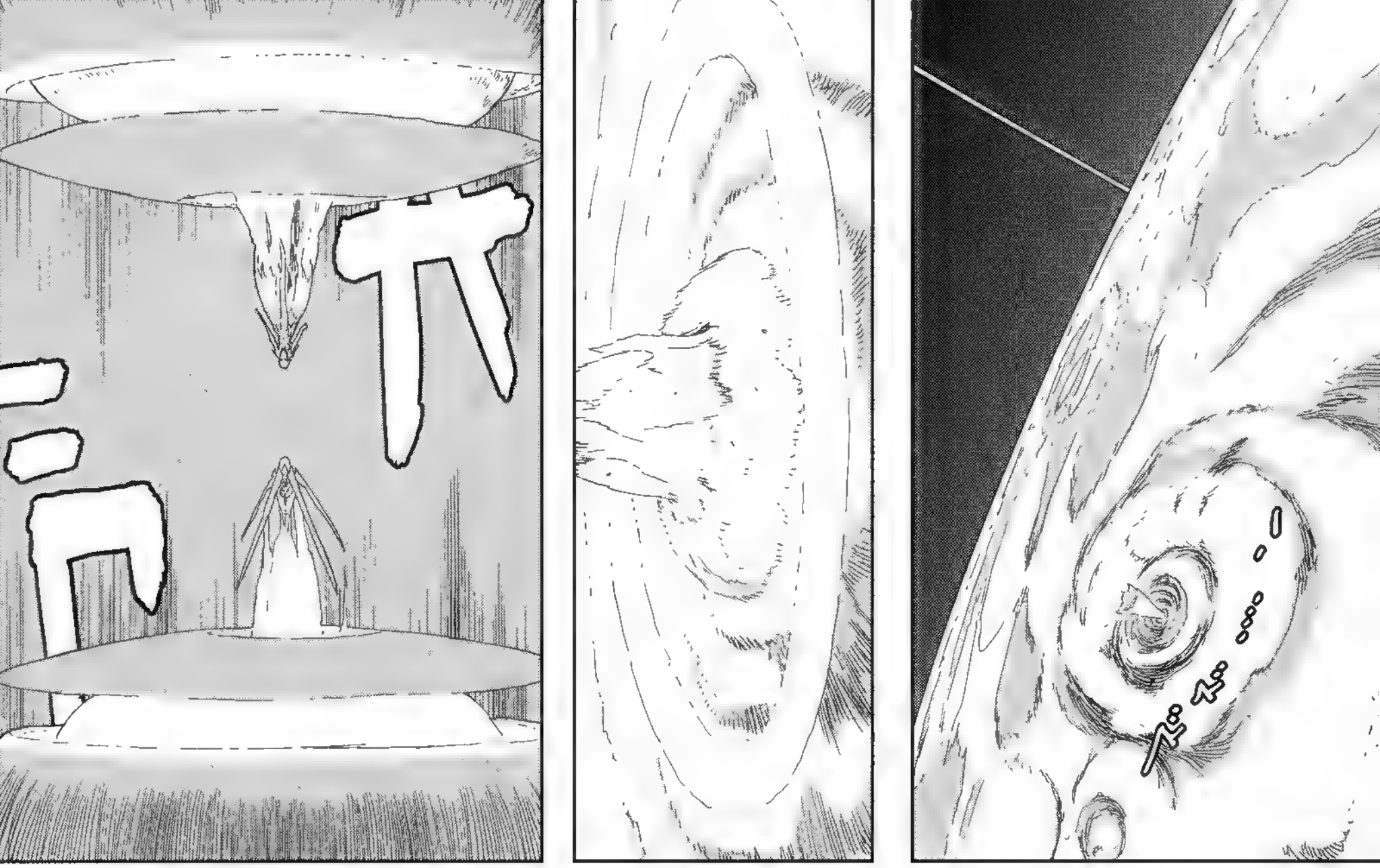
GOOD

I UNDER-
STAND NOW,
IT'S MY DUTY
TO CHOKE
THE LIFE OUT
OF YOU.



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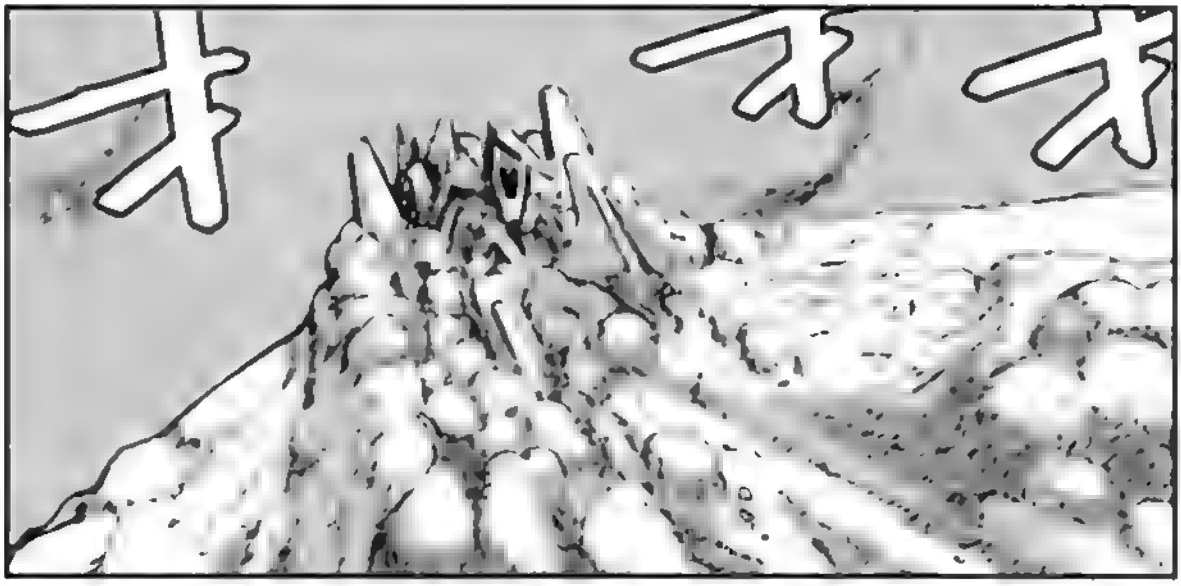
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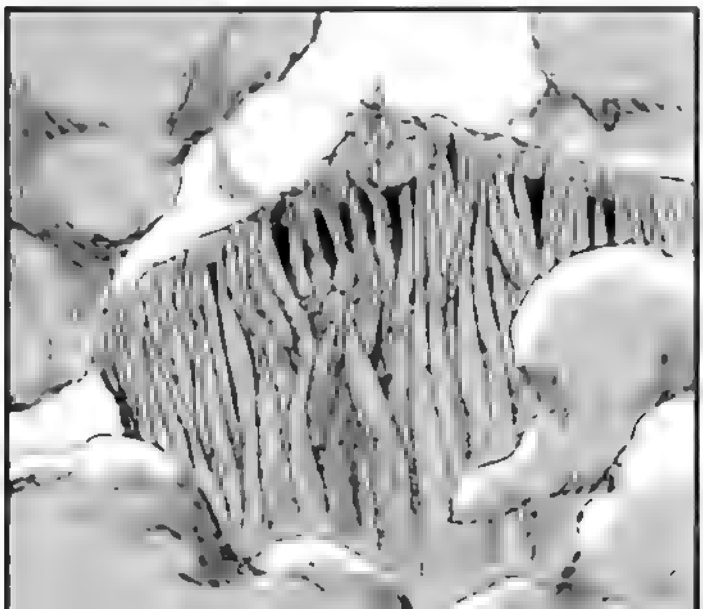

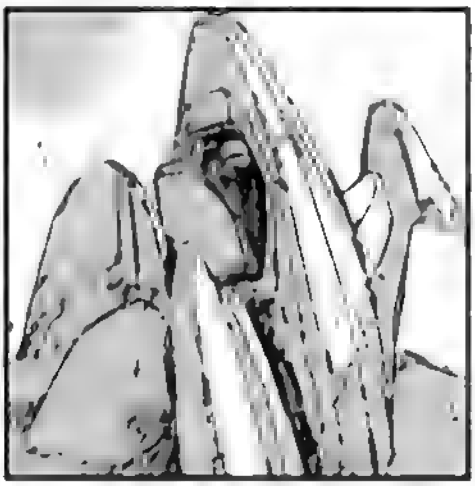

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT SURE IS HUGE
IS THIS ALSO SOME KIND OF FLOATING ISLAND?

EMERGENCY PSYNTH LIGHT
RIGHT, BUT STILL....
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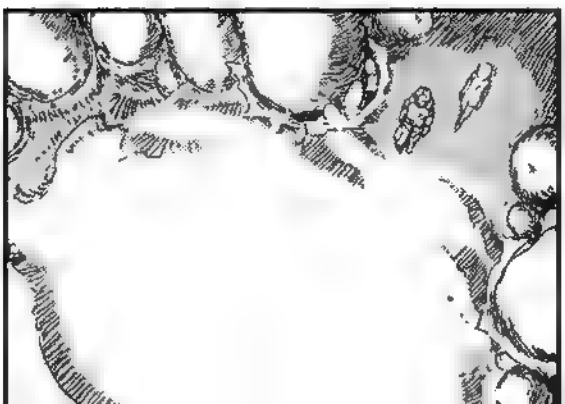
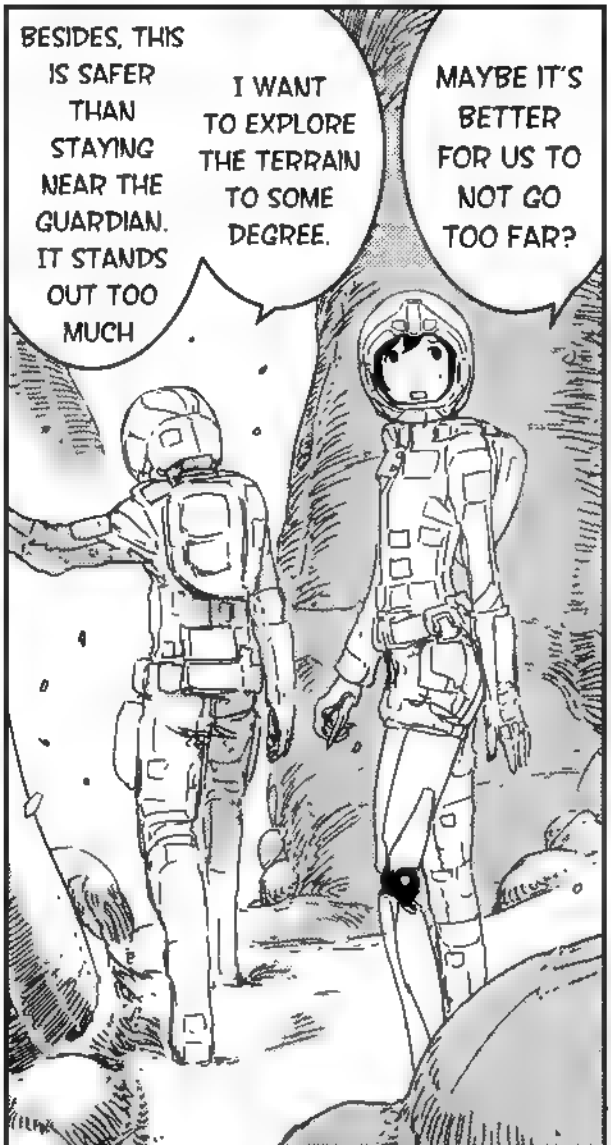
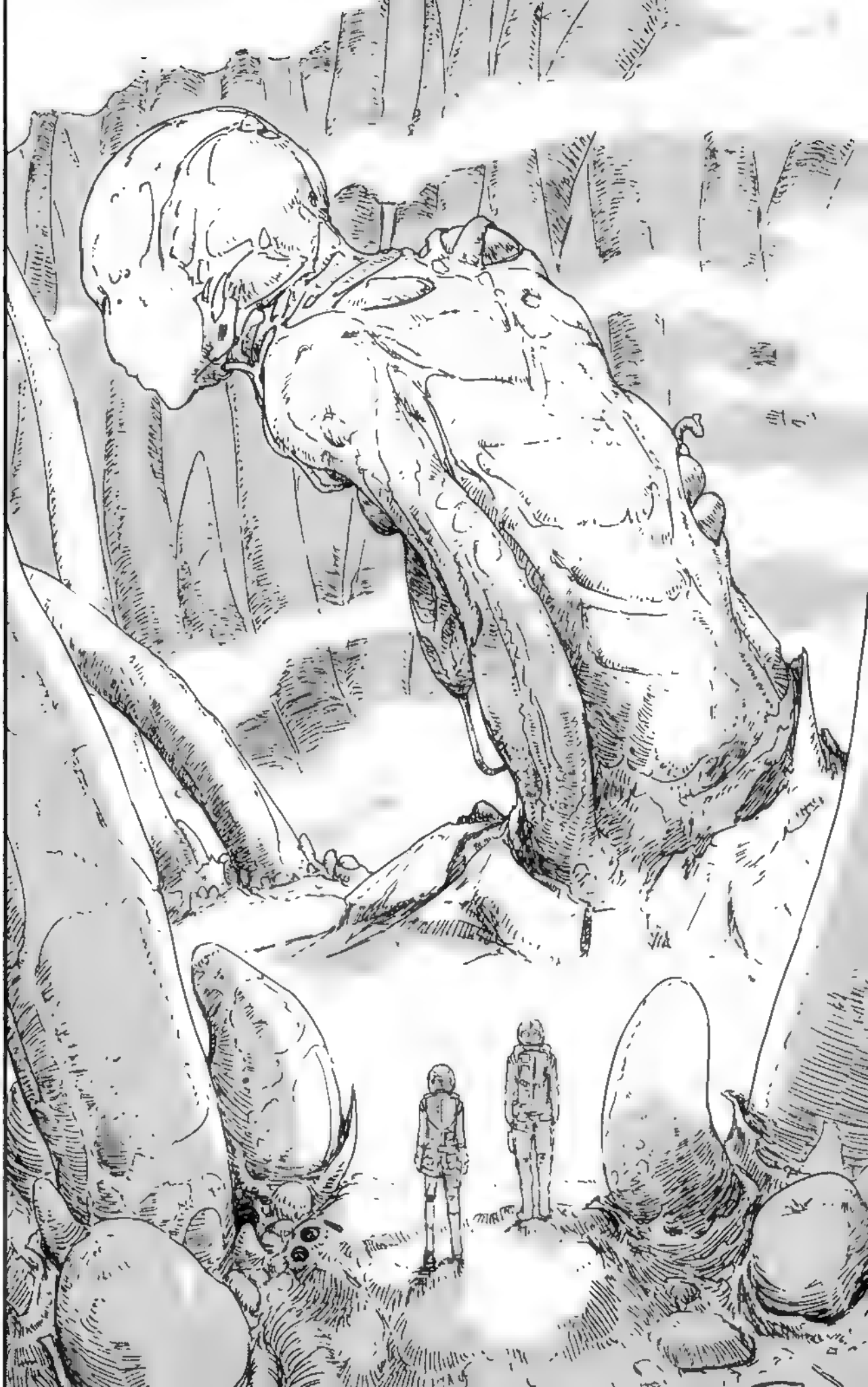
WOW...
EXPLORING SAVAGE PLANETS HAS BEEN MY DREAM SINCE CHILD-HOOD.




BESIDES, THIS IS SAFER THAN STAYING NEAR THE GUARDIAN. IT STANDS OUT TOO MUCH
I WANT TO EXPLORE THE TERRAIN TO SOME DEGREE.
MAYBE IT'S BETTER FOR US TO NOT GO TOO FAR?



CHAPTER 40
第40話　おわり
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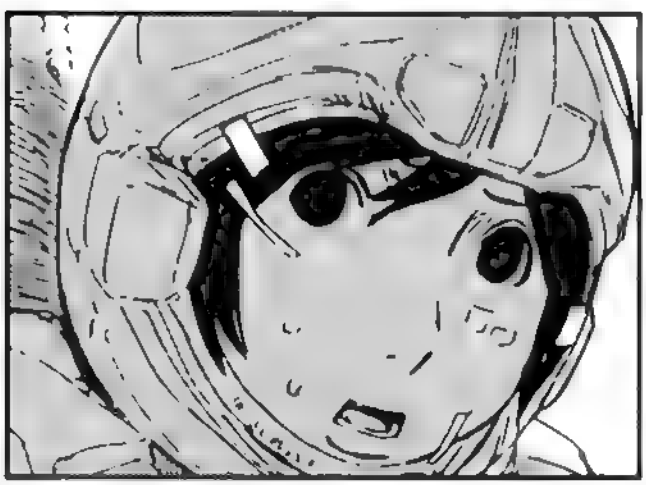
シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

IT WAS ALREADY HERE LONG BEFORE WE ARRIVED.
NO... THAT GAUNA ISN'T ONE OF OUR PURSUERS
I HAD HOPED THAT WE LOST THE GUANAS WHEN I EJECTED BOTH WEAPONS AND HIGGS PARTICLES.
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, COMMANDER

I SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGIZING TO YOU.
BEEP.

THAT WE HADN'T BEEN NOTICED UNTIL I CARELESSLY BUMPED INTO IT IS THE PROOF



第41話　谷風長道の陸戦
CHAPTER 41　TANIKAZE NAGAMICHI'S LAND BATTLE

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SIMPLE PREPA-RATIONS.
I'M NOT GOING TO BE EATEN ALIVE
IT'S COMING! WE HAVE TO RUN!
THE PACK MUST BE HEADING THIS WAY ALREADY.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY PLACE TO RUN ANY-MORE
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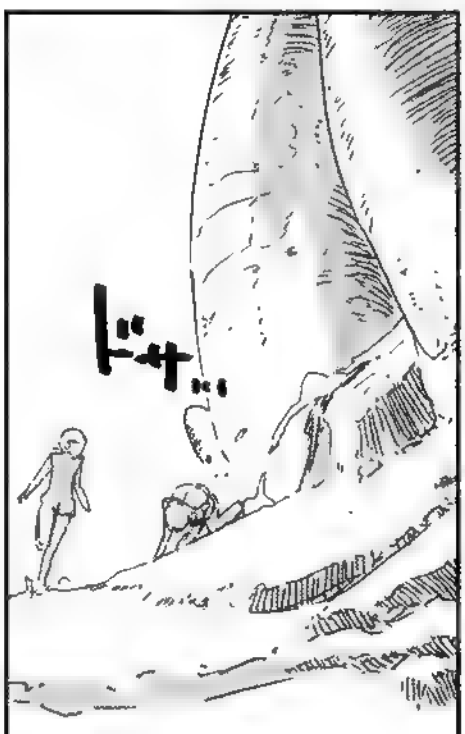
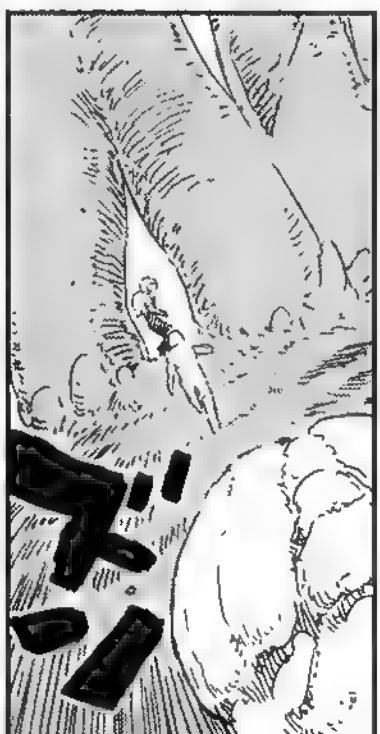
PLEASE, GET UP!!





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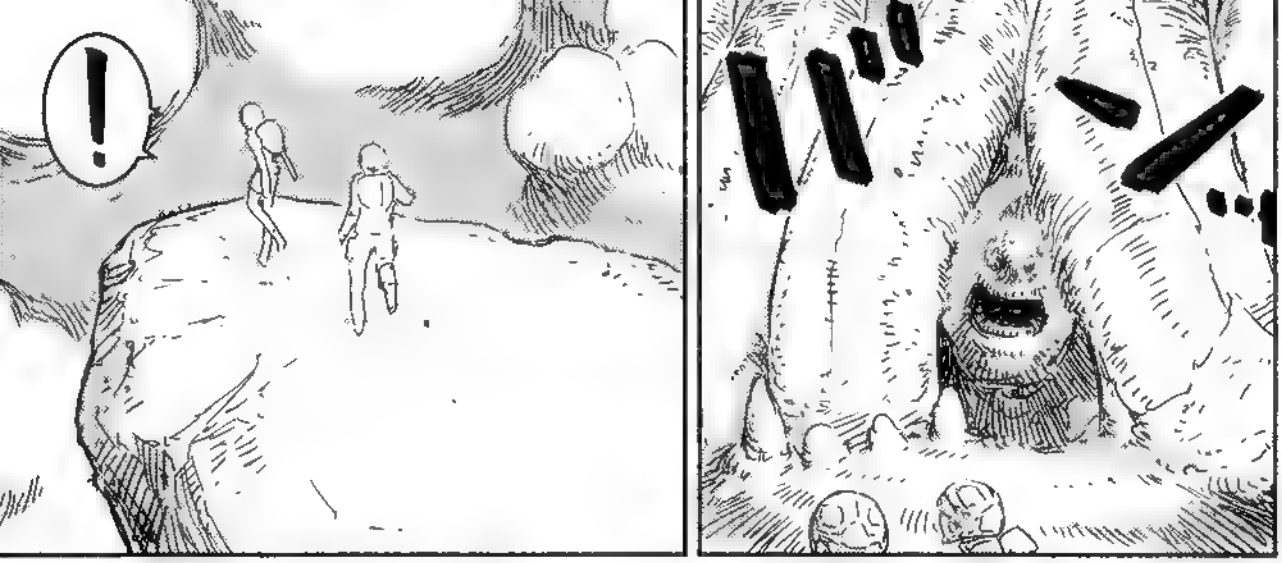
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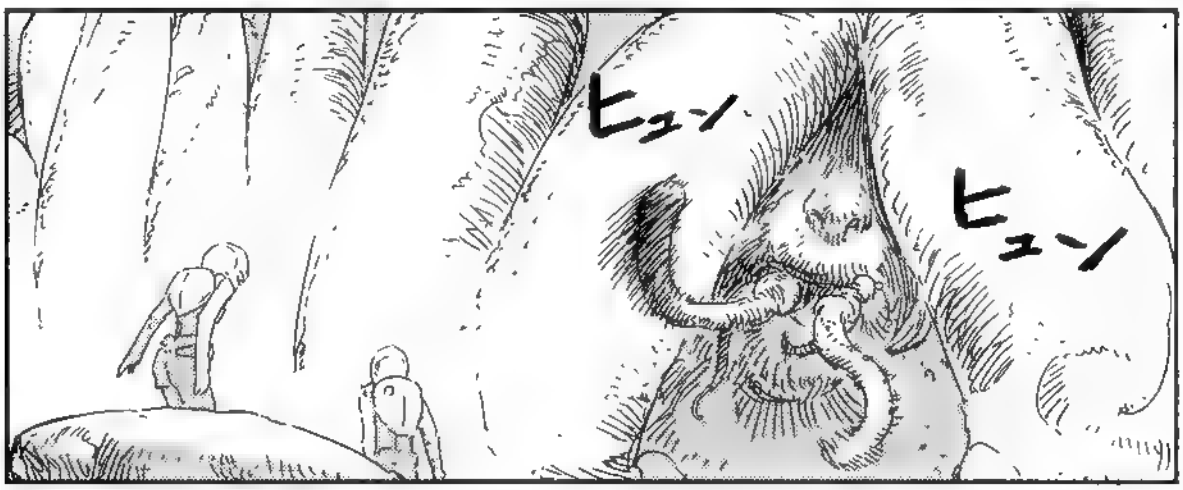
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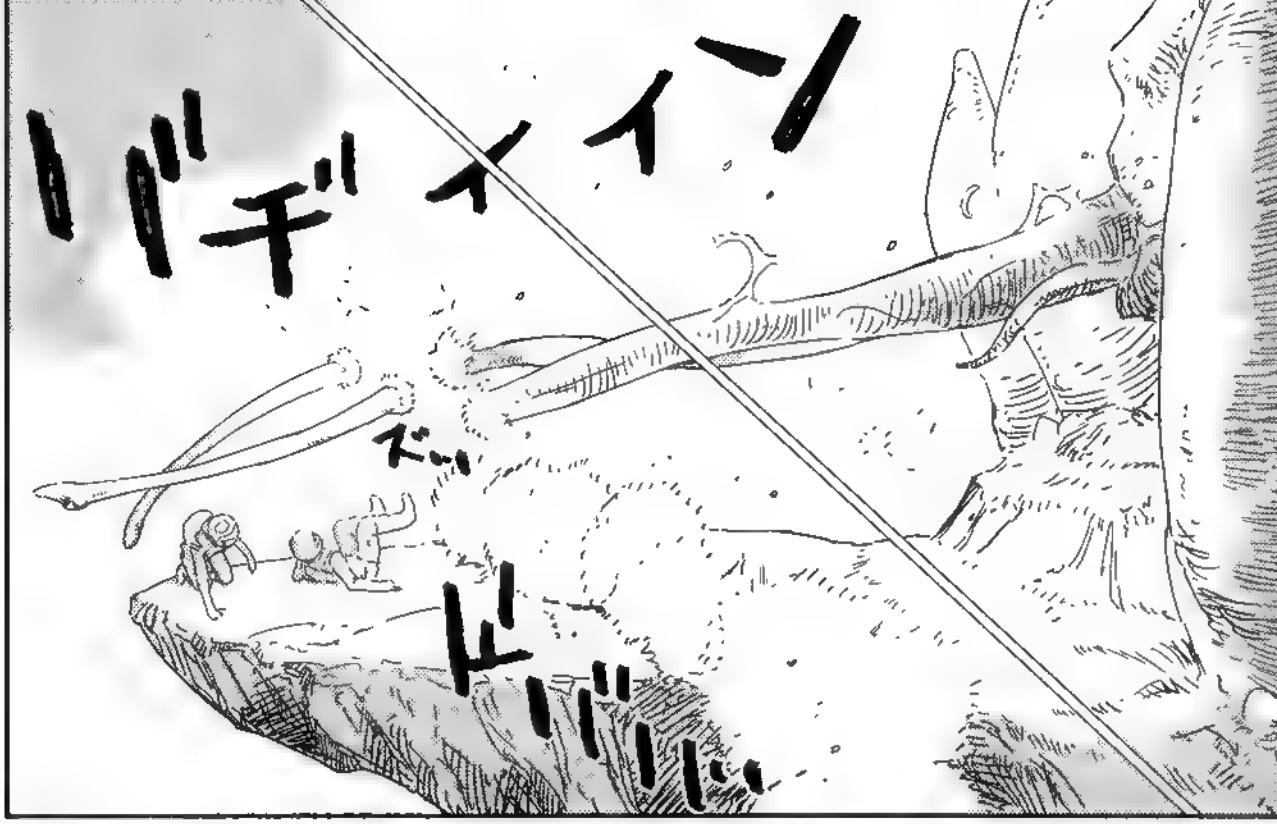
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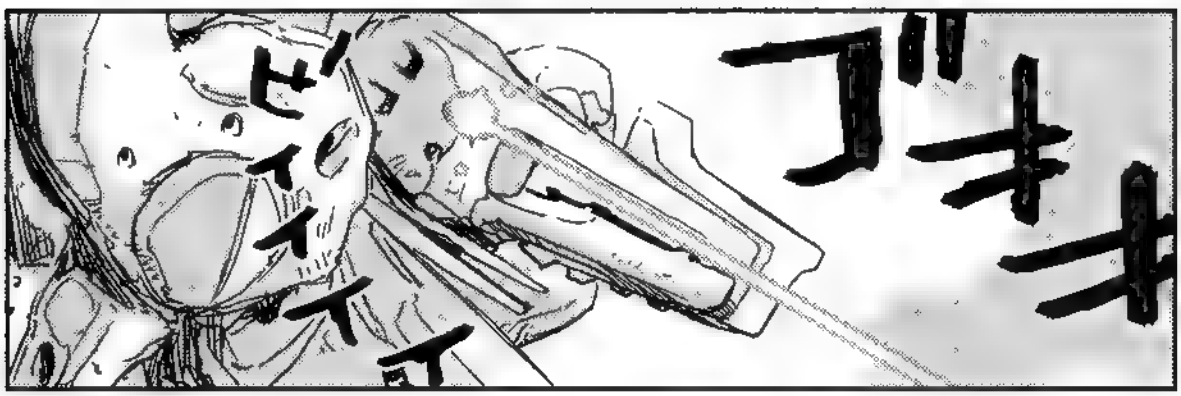
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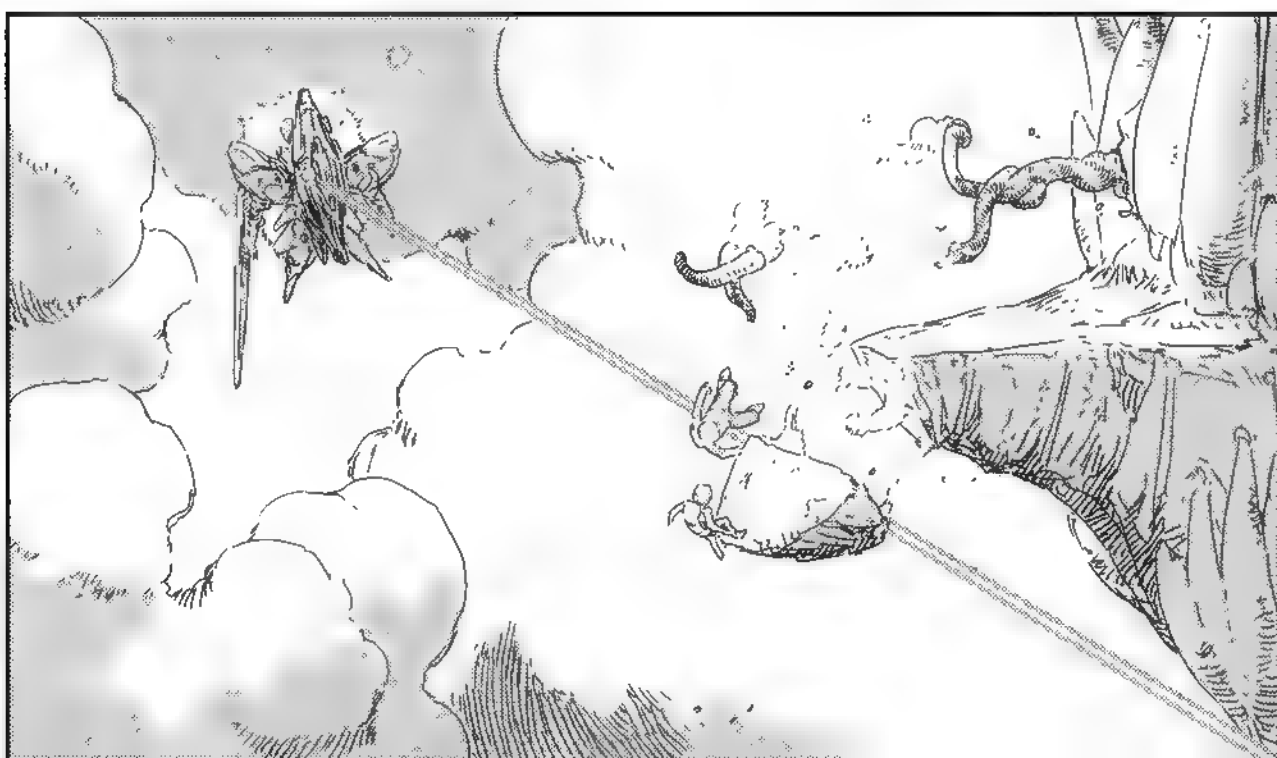

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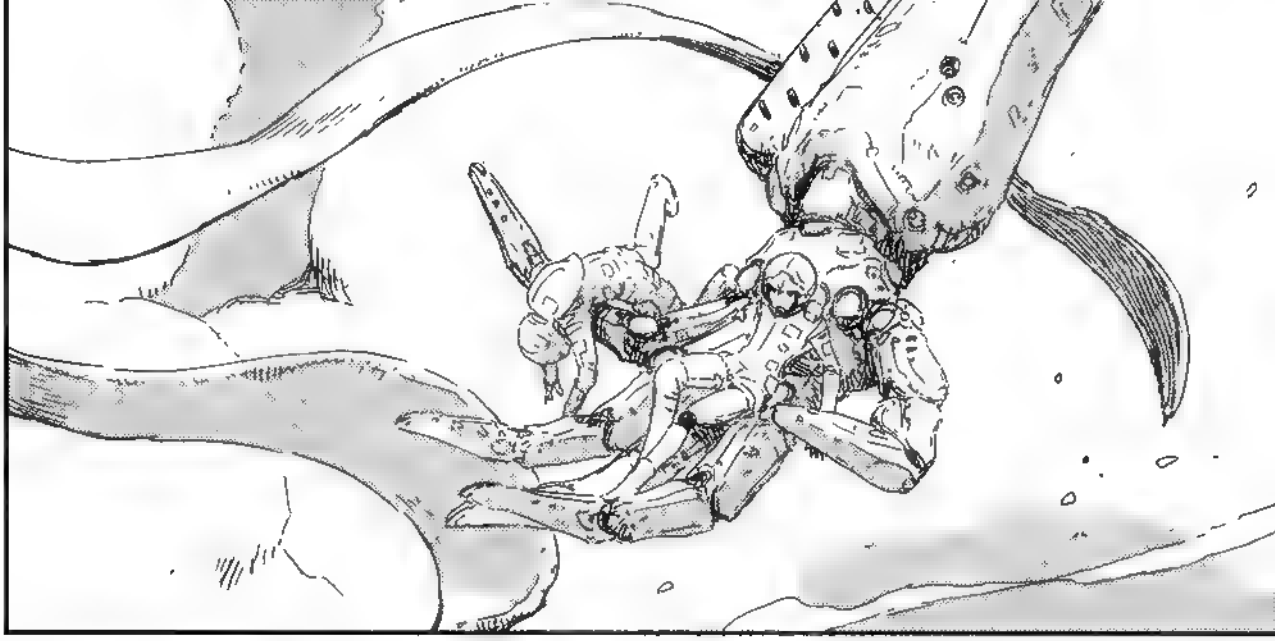

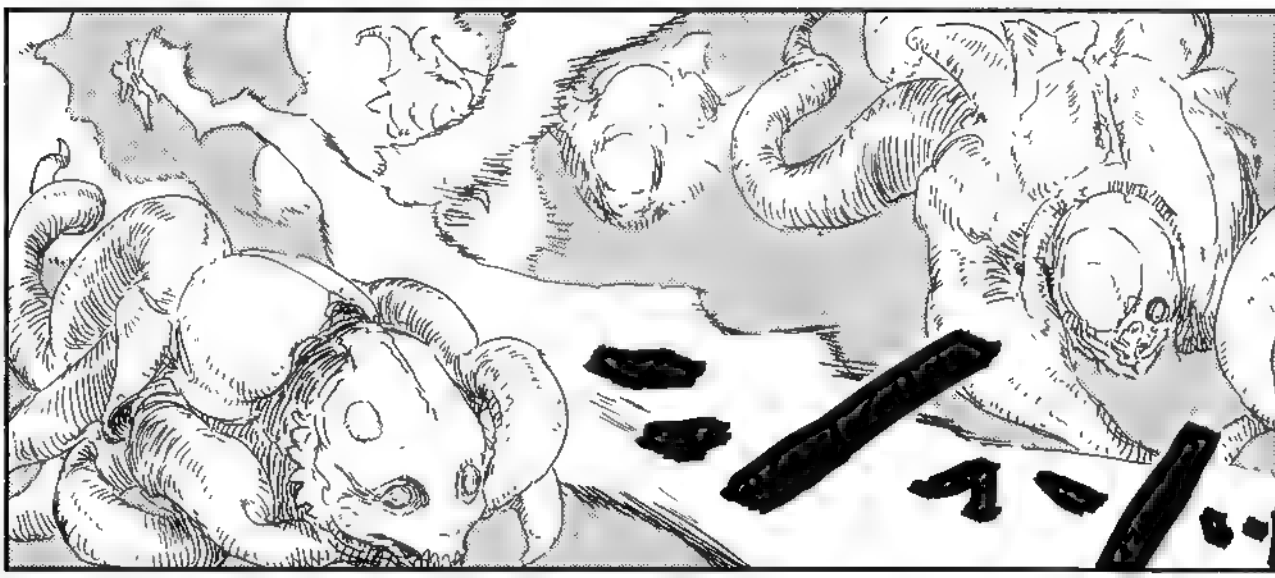

ARE YOU INJURED!?
WE'RE FINE!
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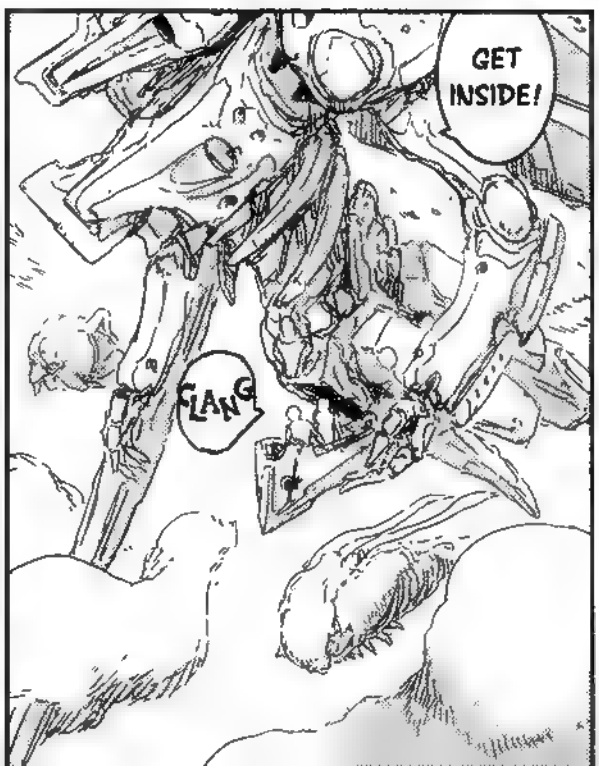
HAHA!


GET INSIDE!
FLANG

ODDS ARE AGAINST ME IN AN ATMO-SPHERIC BATTLE.
SQUEEEE!
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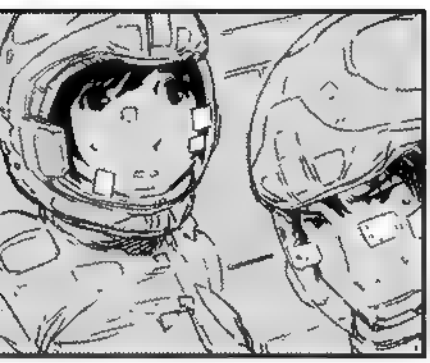
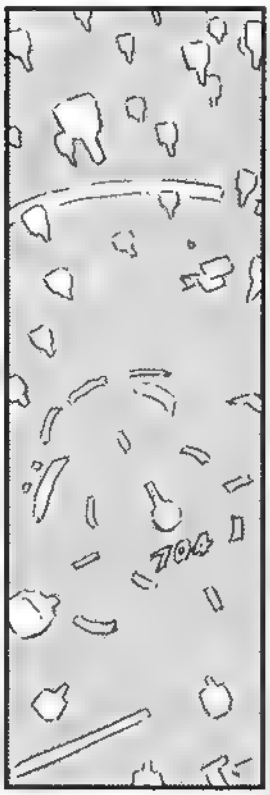
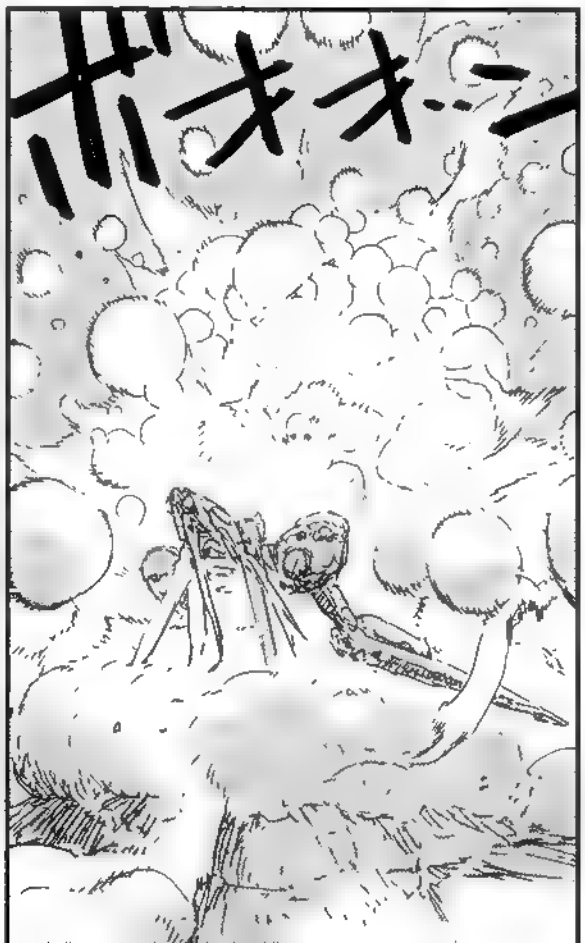
WE'RE SURR-OUNDED!



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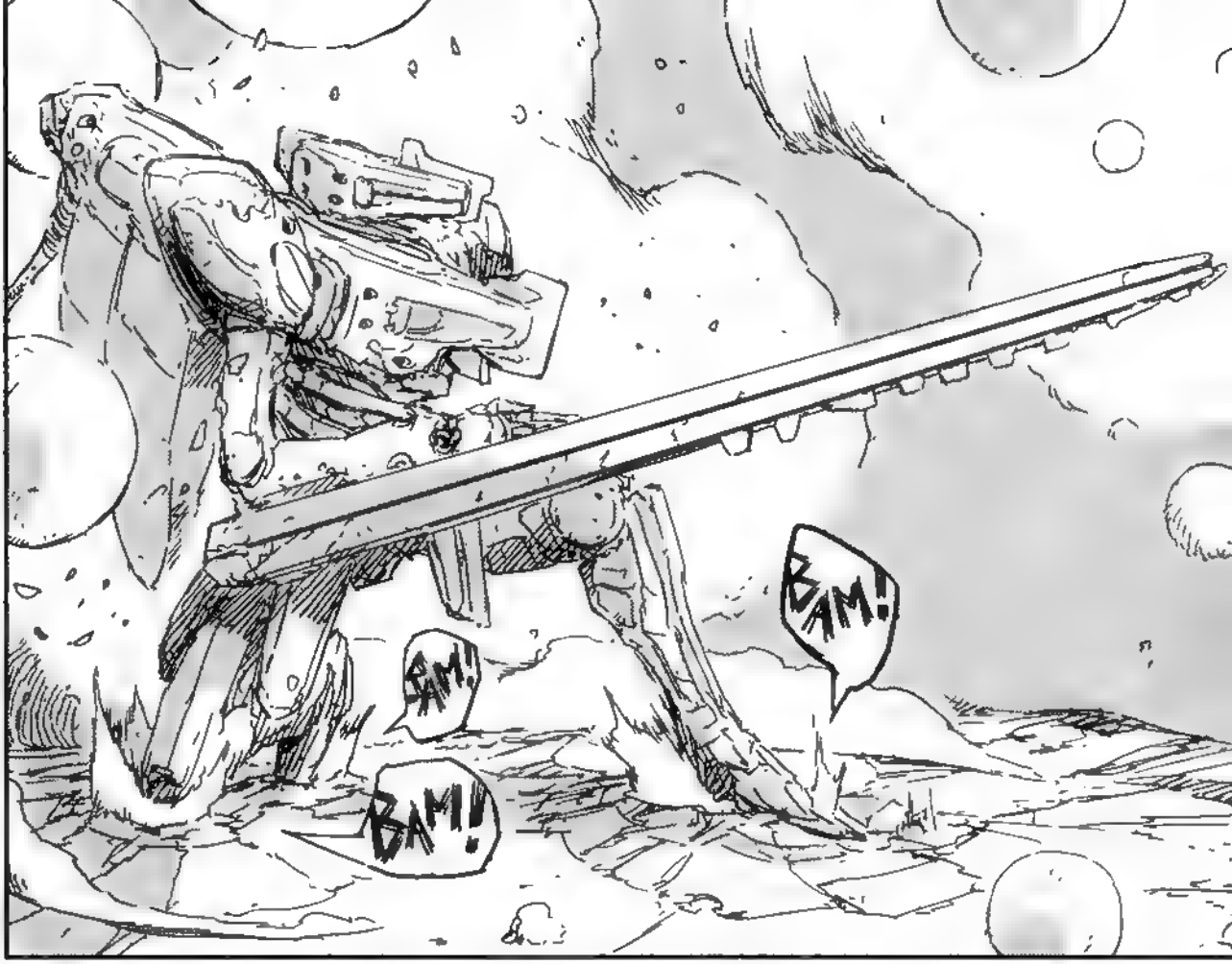
BAM!
BAM!
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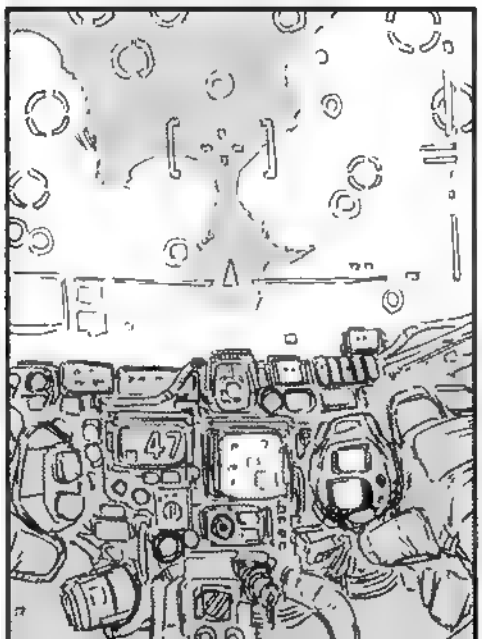
IS HE PLANNING ON ENGAG-ING THAT HORDE!?
HE'S ANCHORED THE AIR-FRAME!

FIRING AIMED BURSTS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE ONCE GROUNDED.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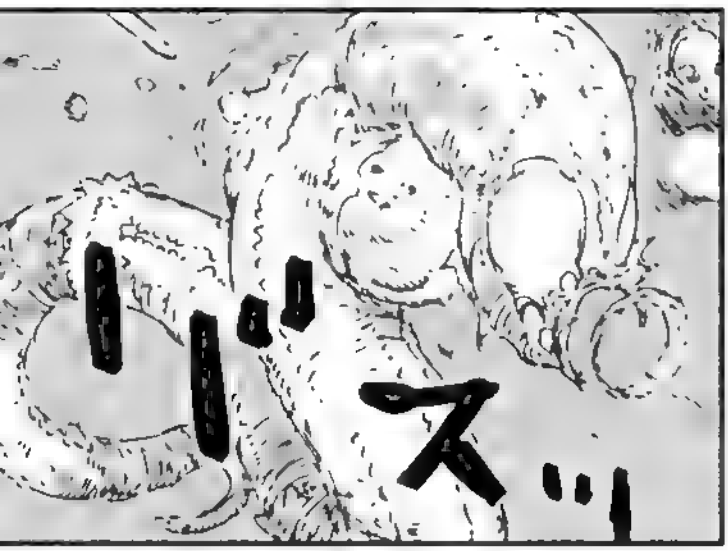
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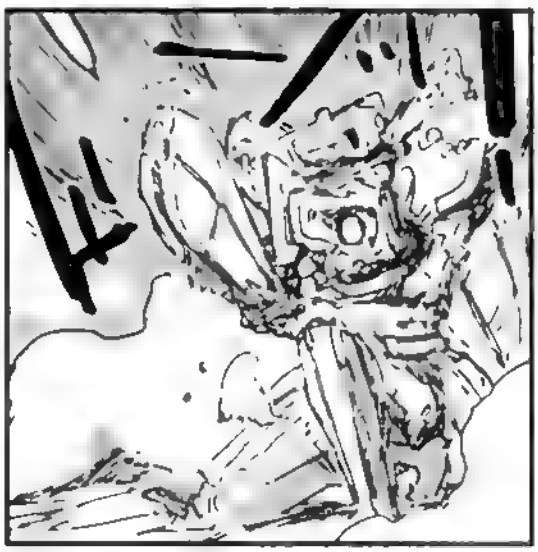
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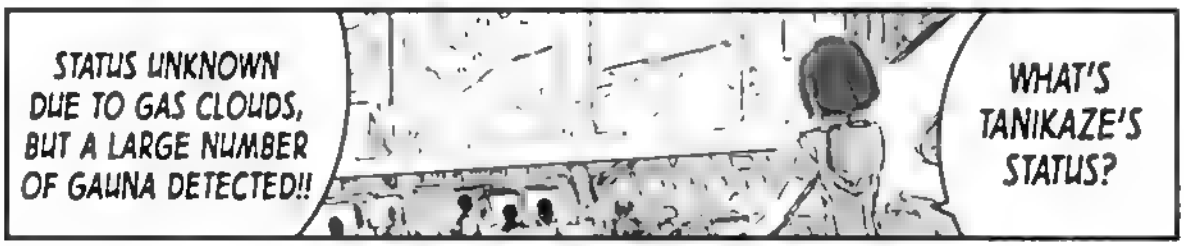
STATUS UNKNOWN DUE TO GAS CLOUDS, BUT A LARGE NUMBER OF GAUNA DETECTED!!
WHAT'S TANIKAZE'S STATUS?

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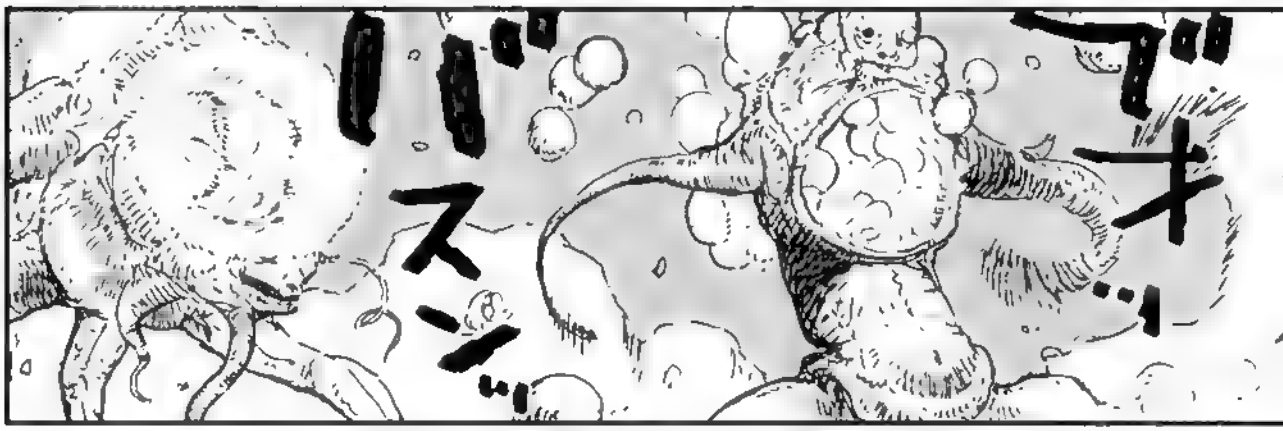
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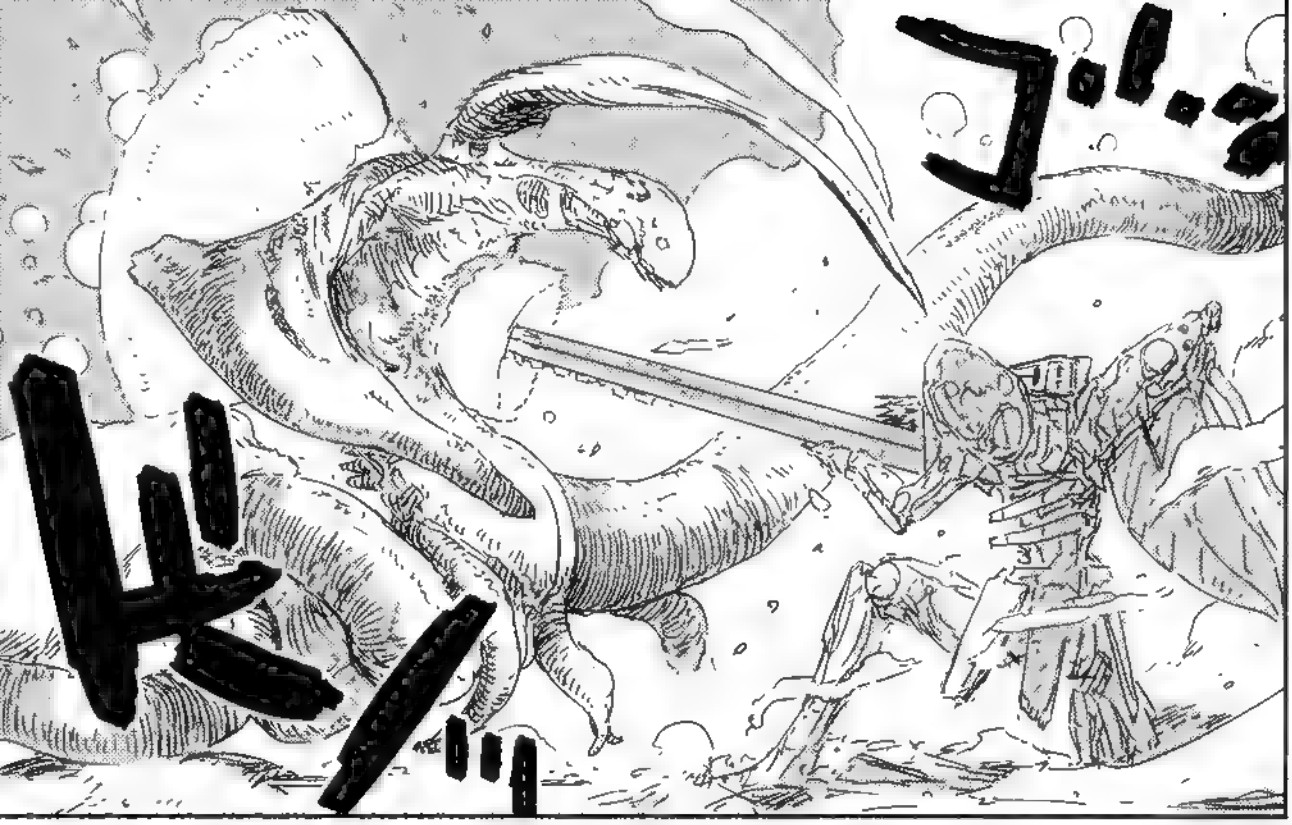
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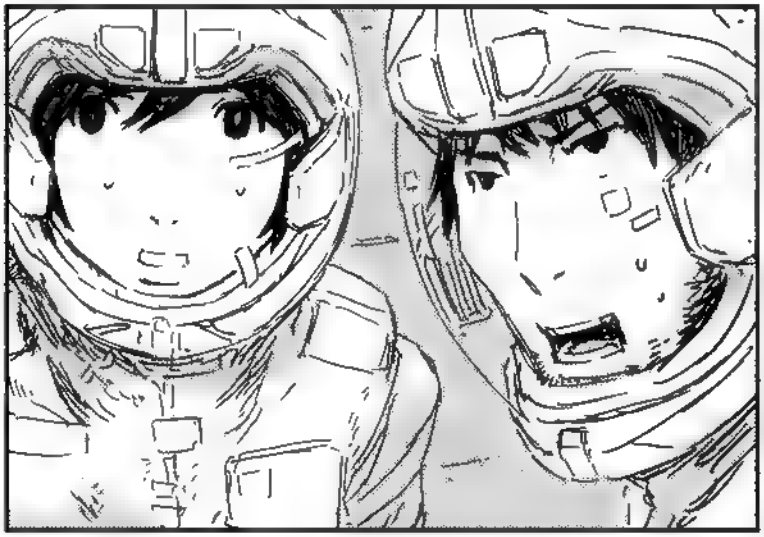

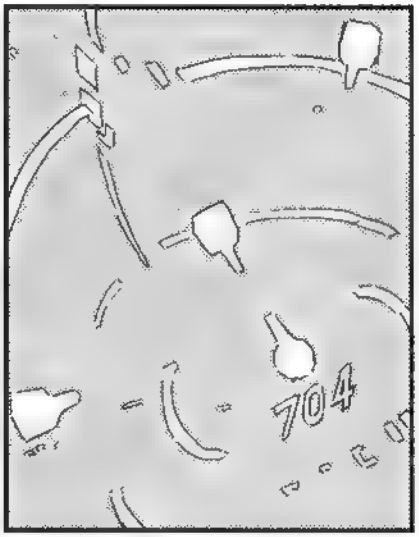
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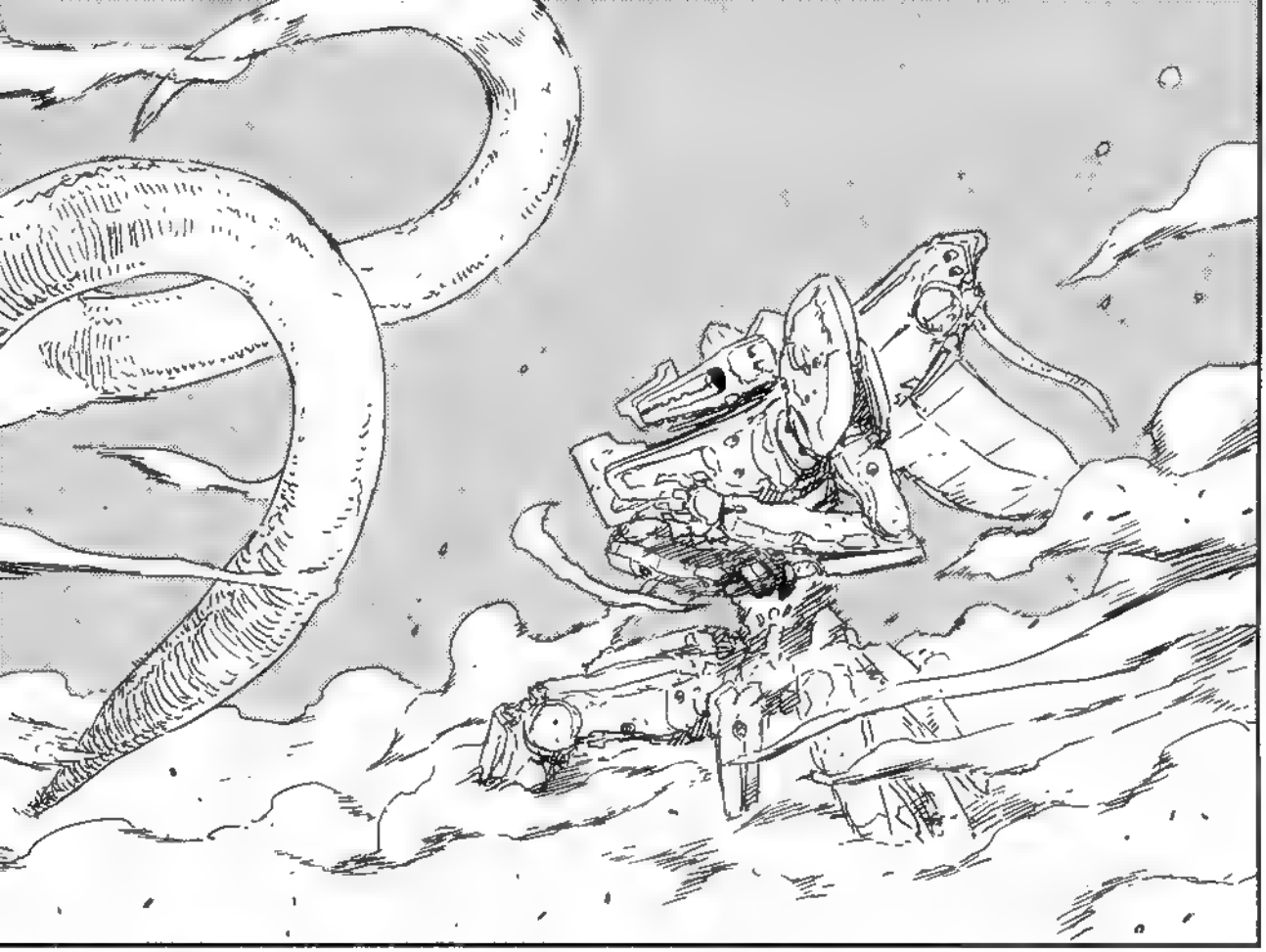

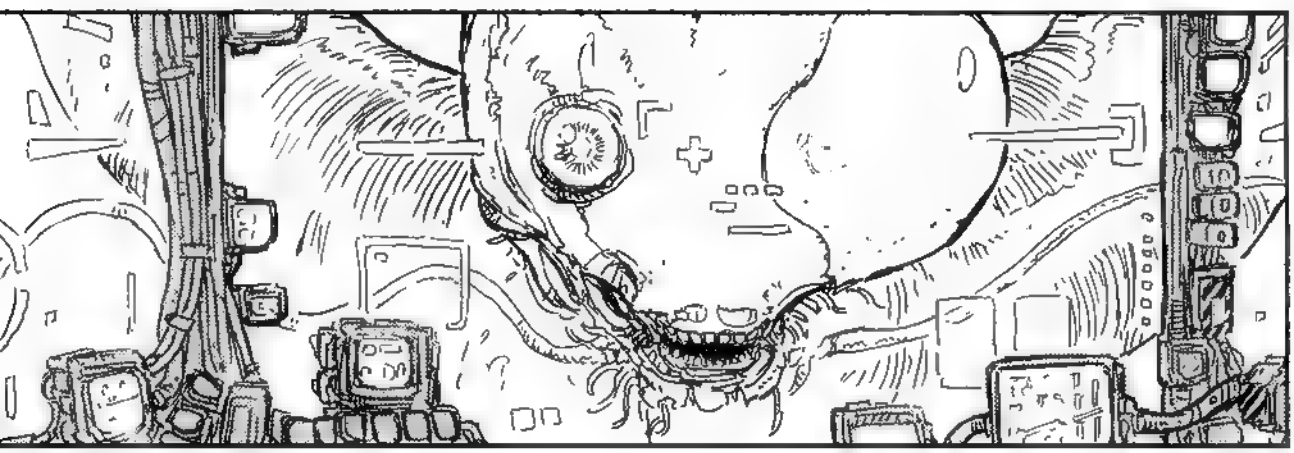

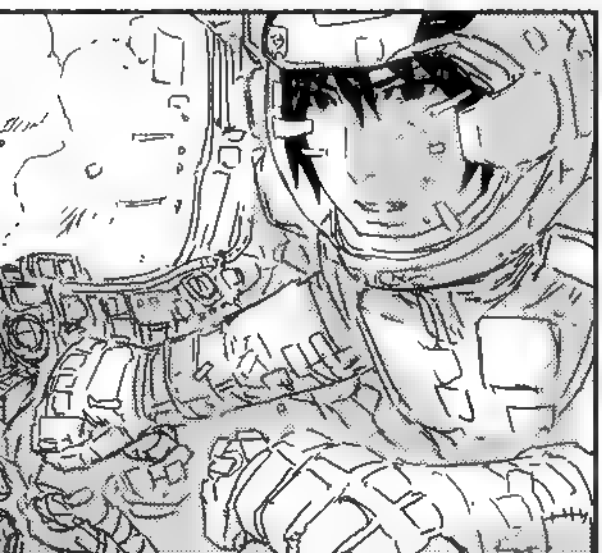

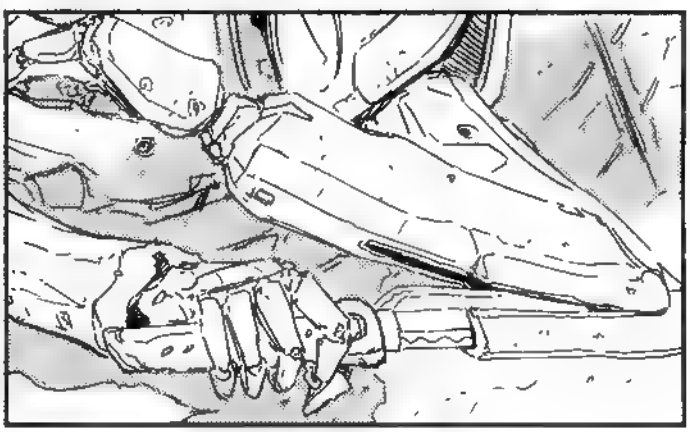

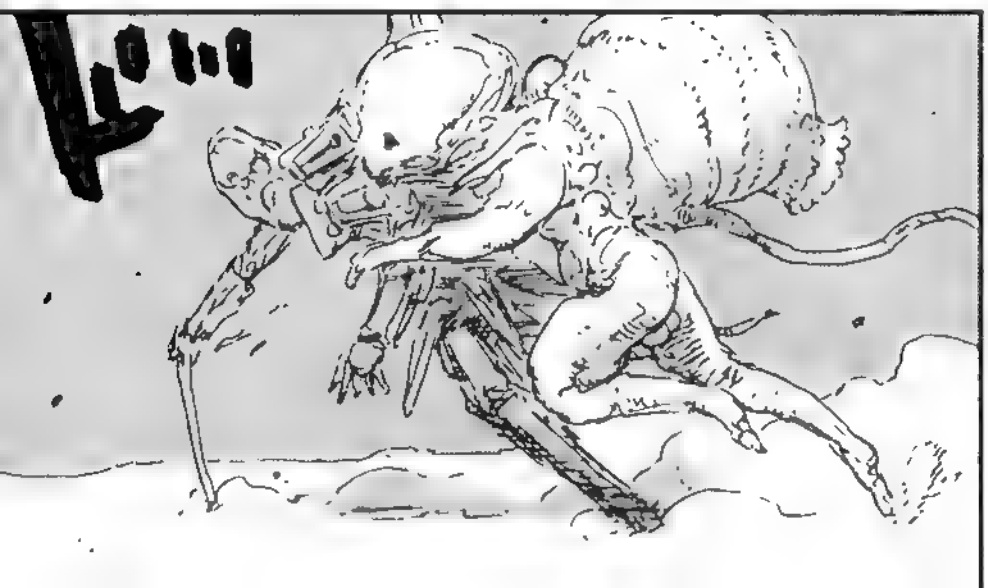

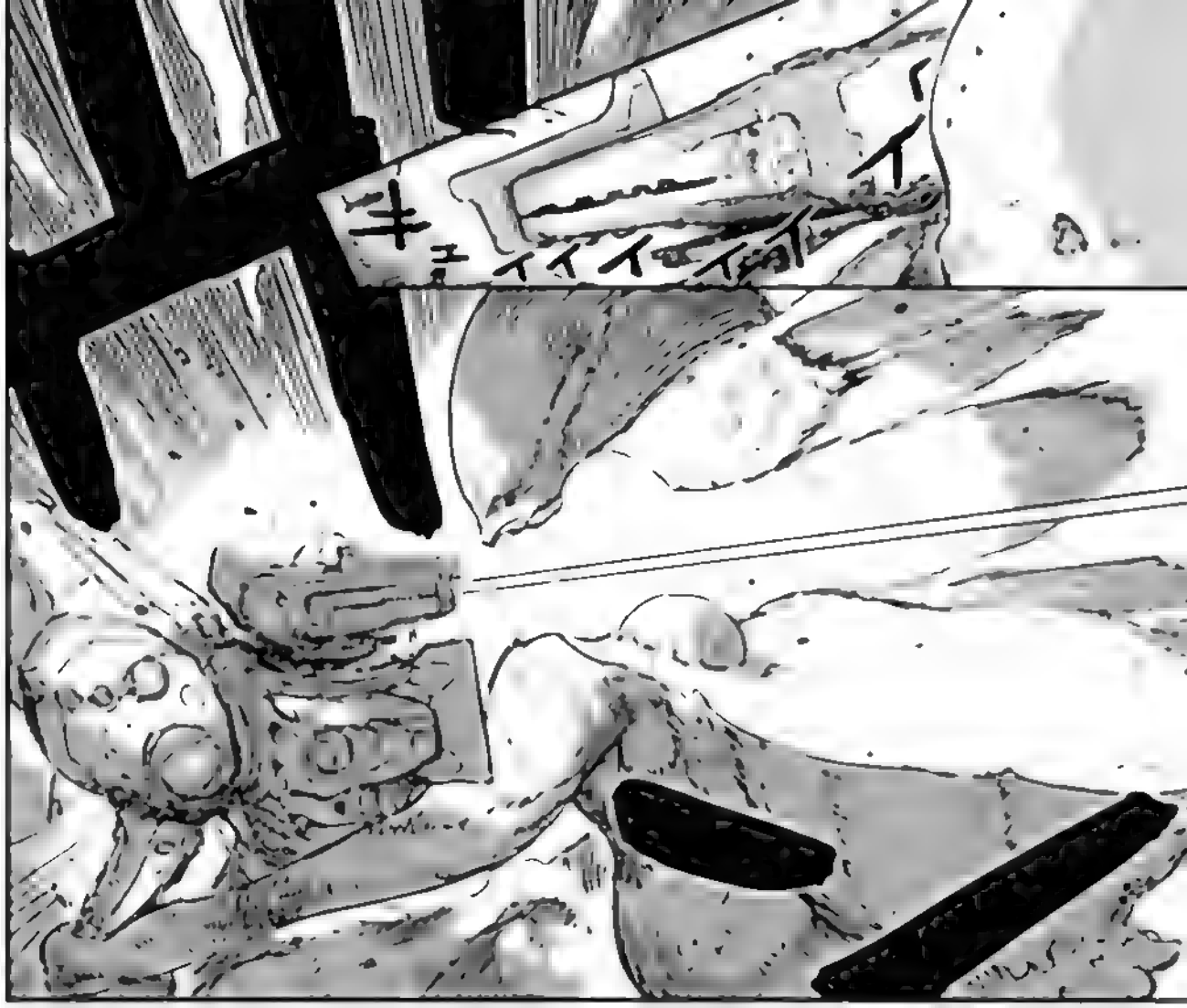
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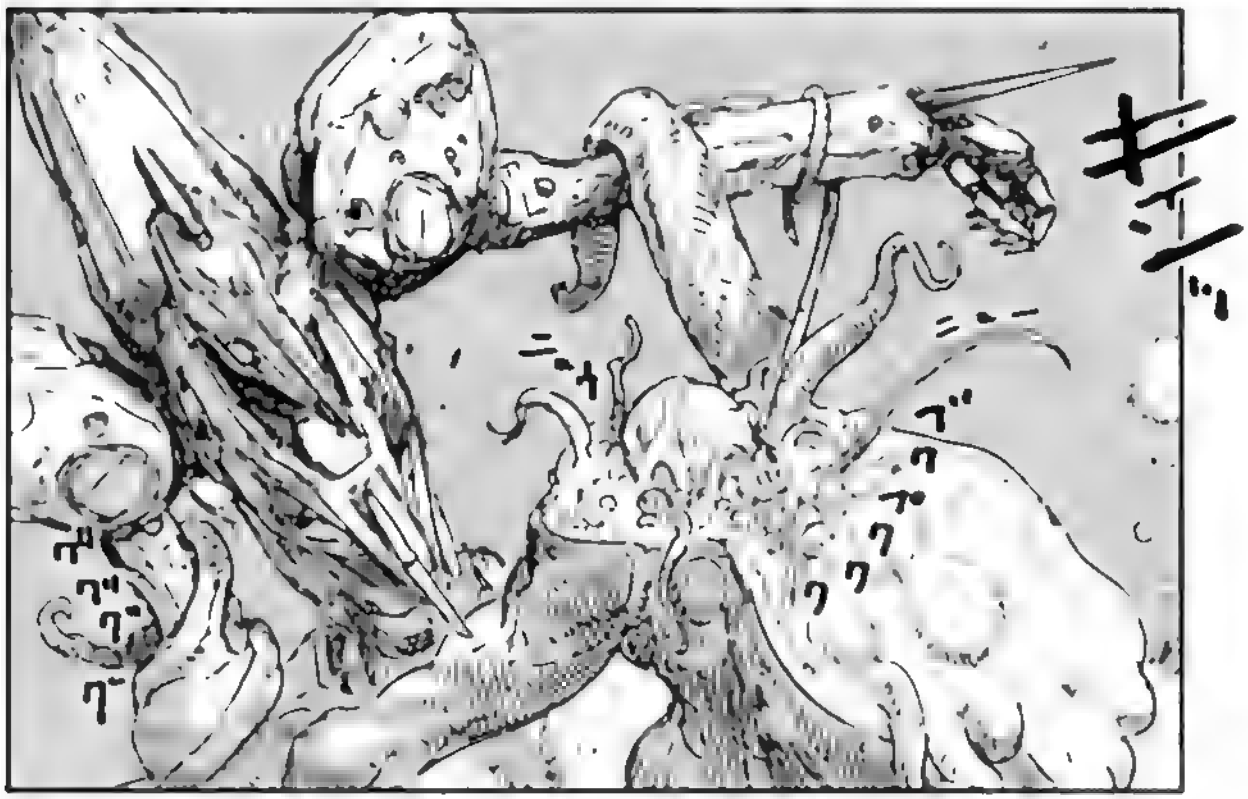
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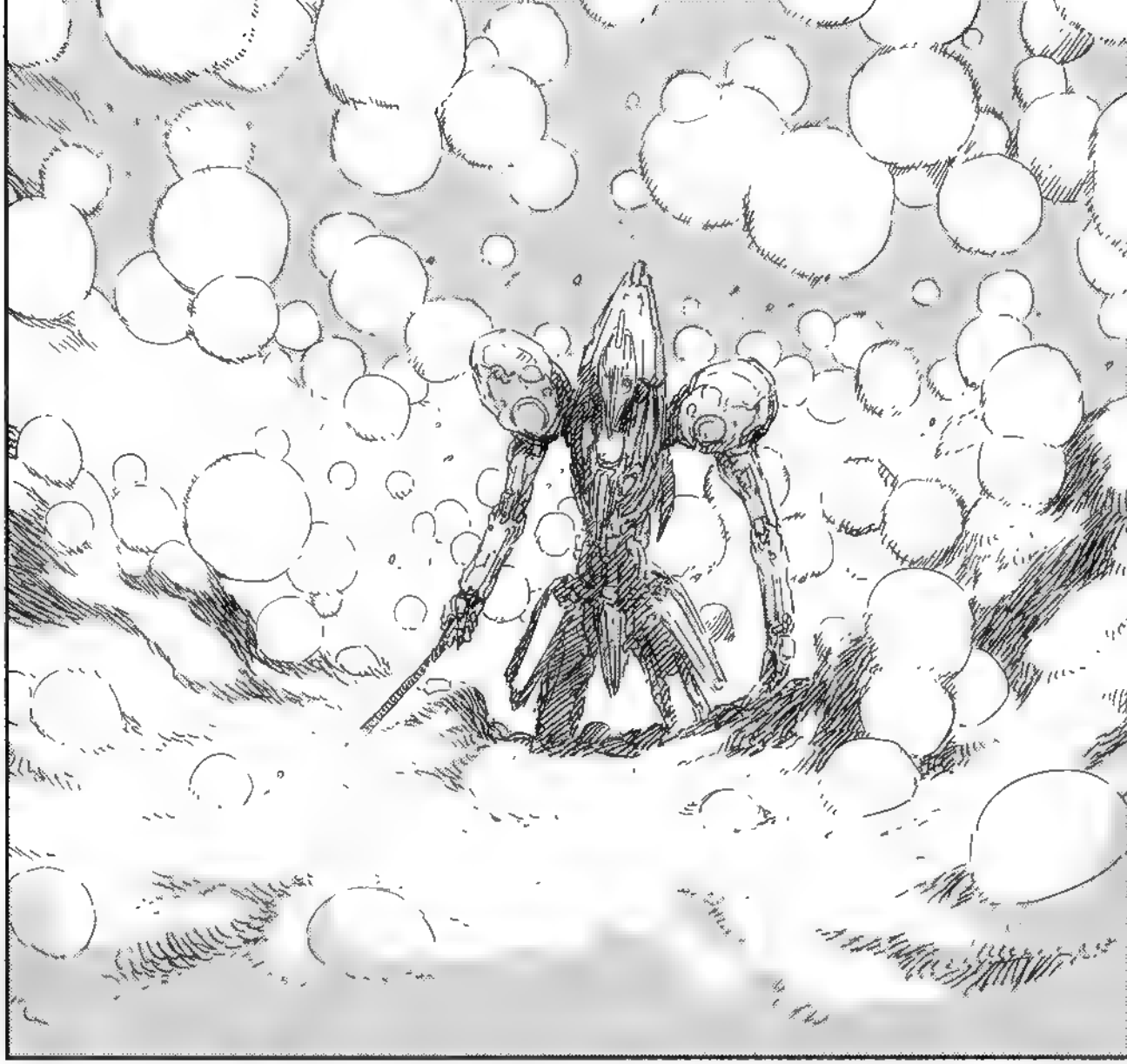
TRUE BODY REVEAL



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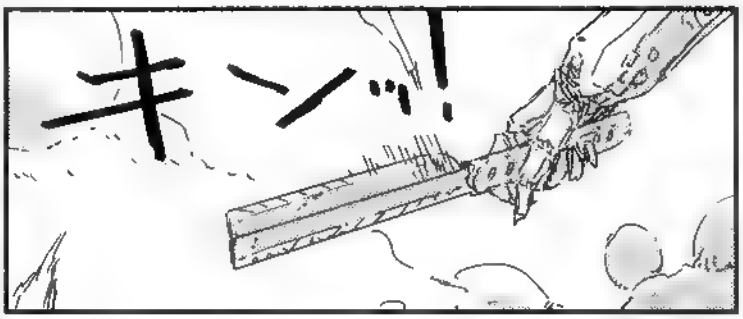
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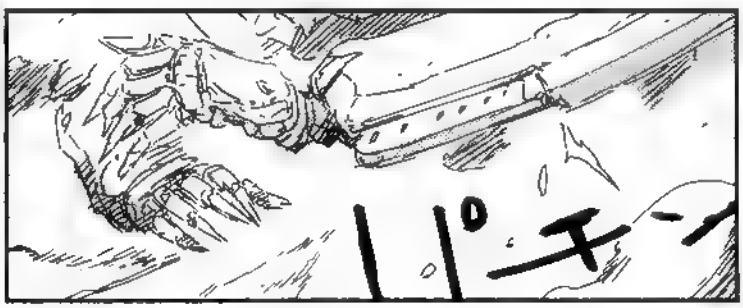
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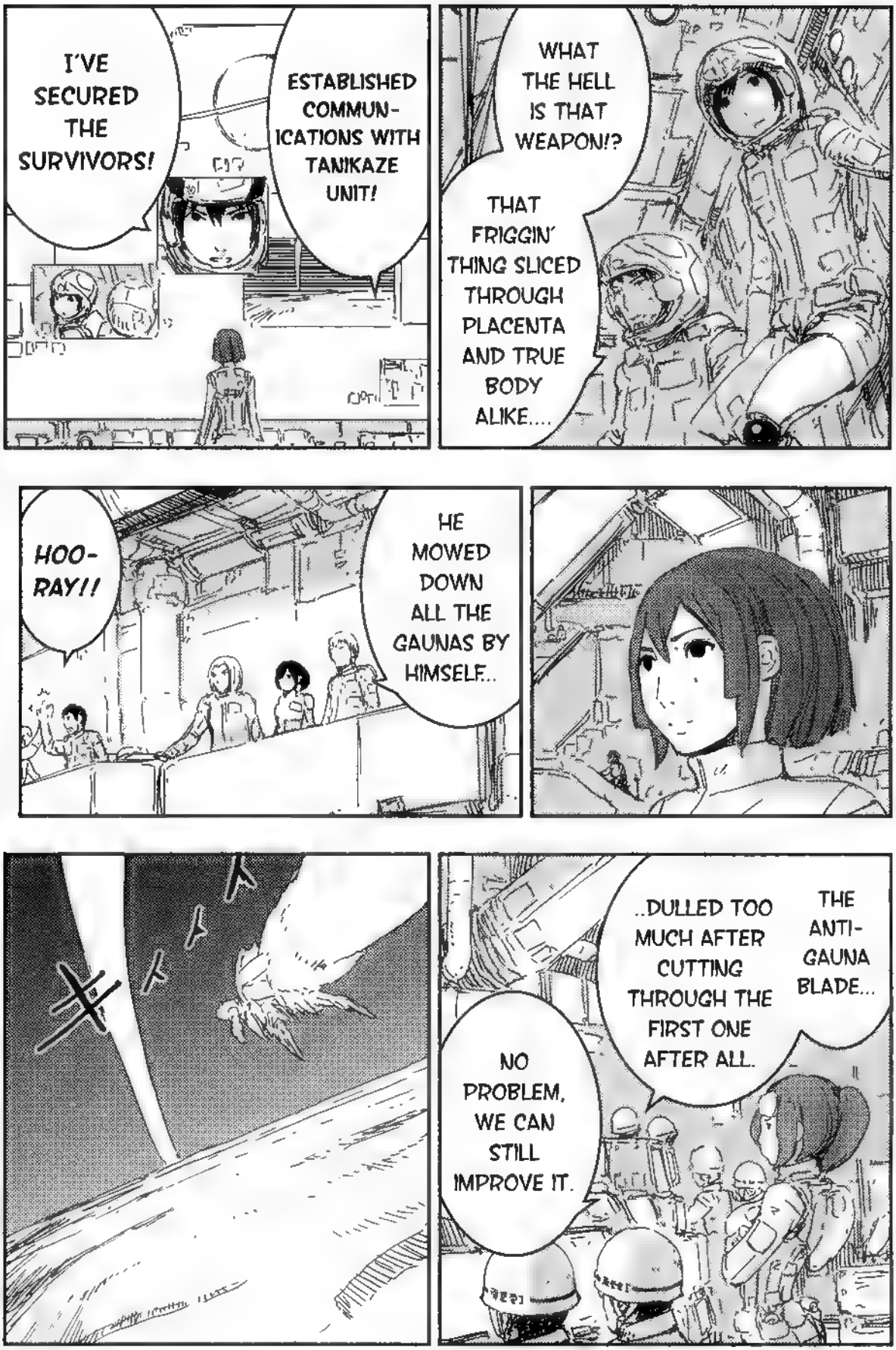
I'VE SECURED THE SURVIVORS!
ESTABLISHED COMMUN-ICATIONS WITH TANIKAZE UNIT!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT WEAPON!?
THAT FRIGGIN' THING SLICED THROUGH PLACENTA AND TRUE BODY ALIKE....
HOO-RAY!!
HE MOWED DOWN ALL THE GAUNAS BY HIMSELF..
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THE ANTI-GAUNA BLADE...
..DULLED TOO MUCH AFTER CUTTING THROUGH THE FIRST ONE AFTER ALL.
NO PROBLEM, WE CAN STILL IMPROVE IT.

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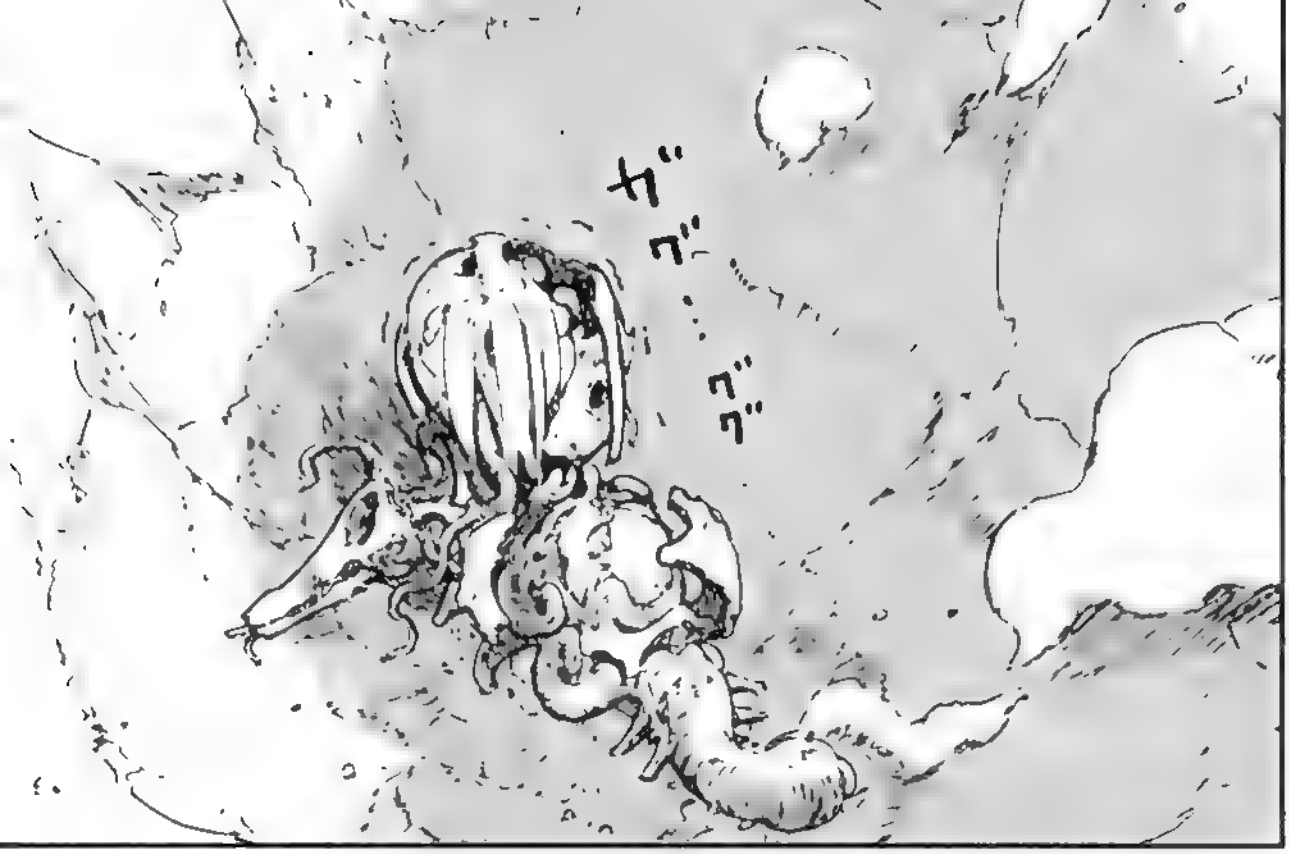
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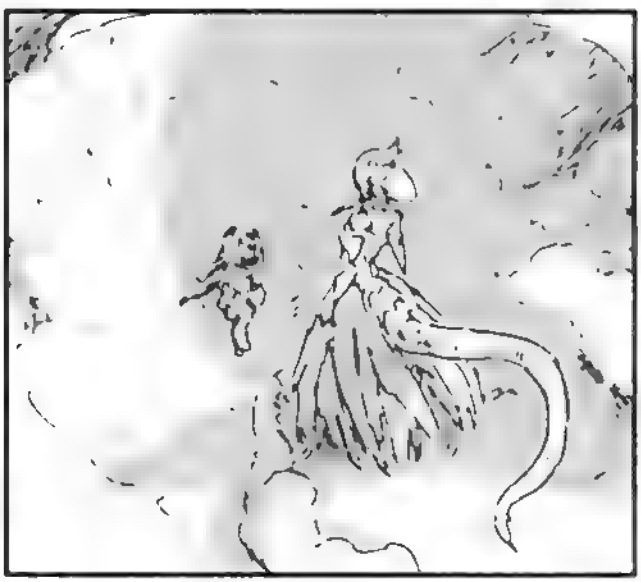
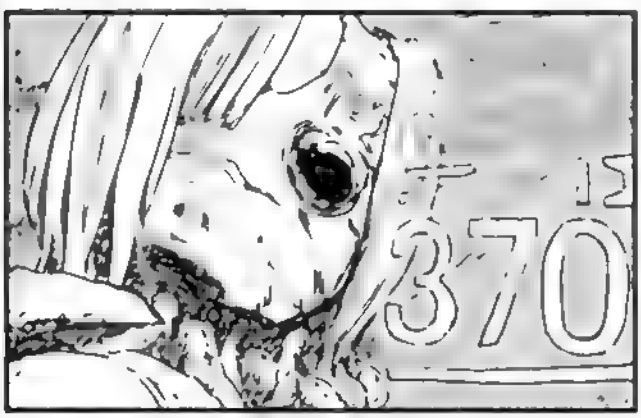
FORGIVE ME....
ALTHOUGH, I HAD PLANNED TO BLOW OFF YOUR ENTIRE PLACENTA....

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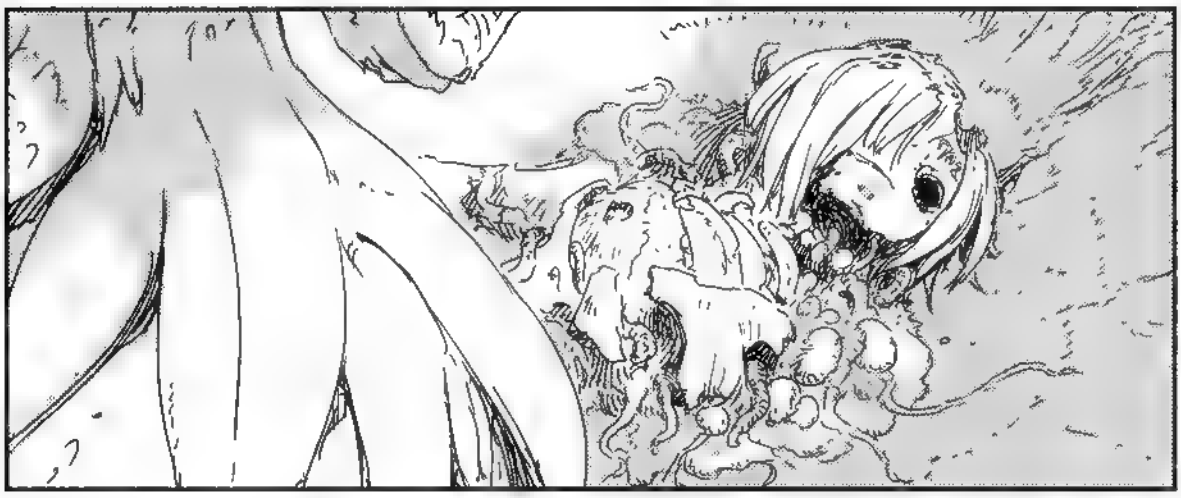
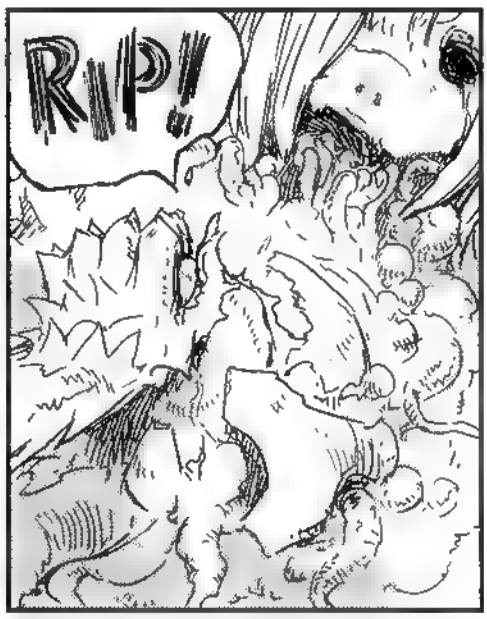
THIS IS WHERE I WILL PIERCE YOUR TRUE BODY.

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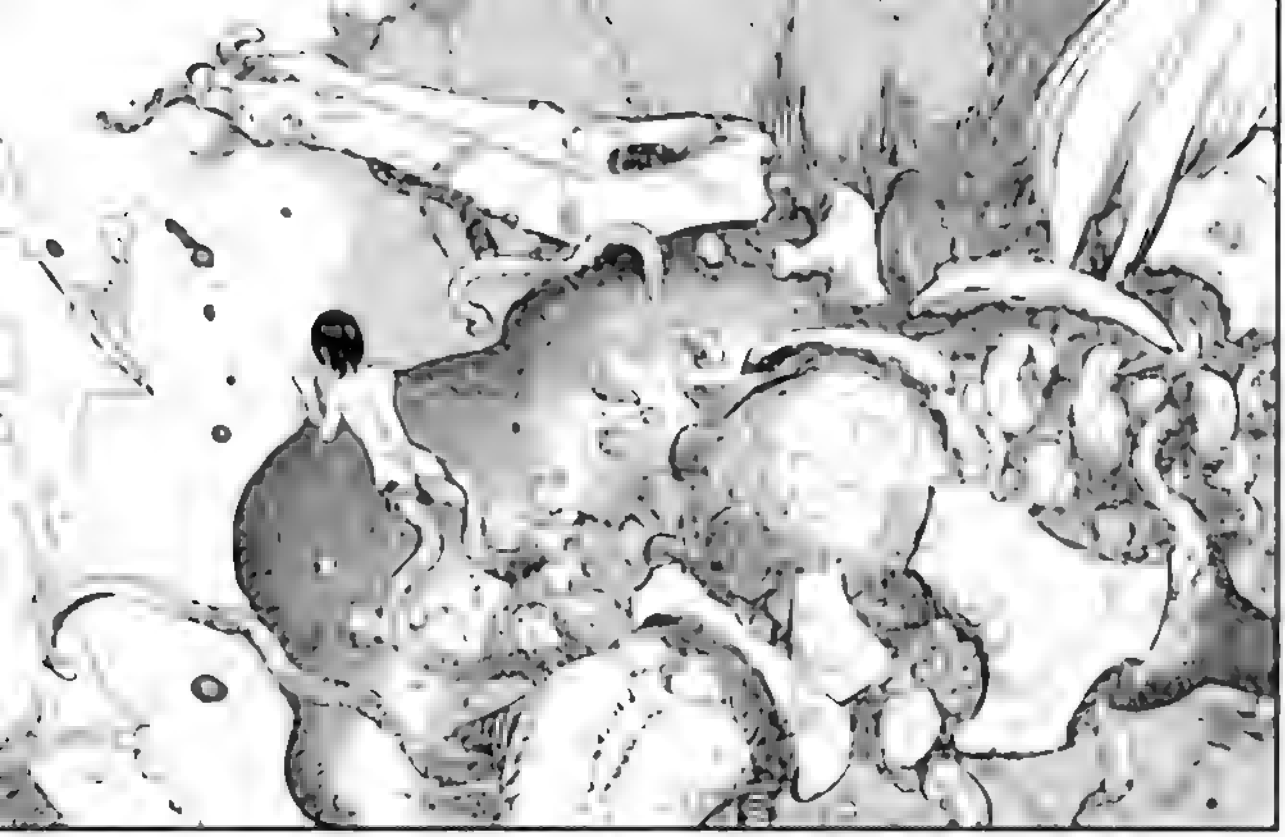

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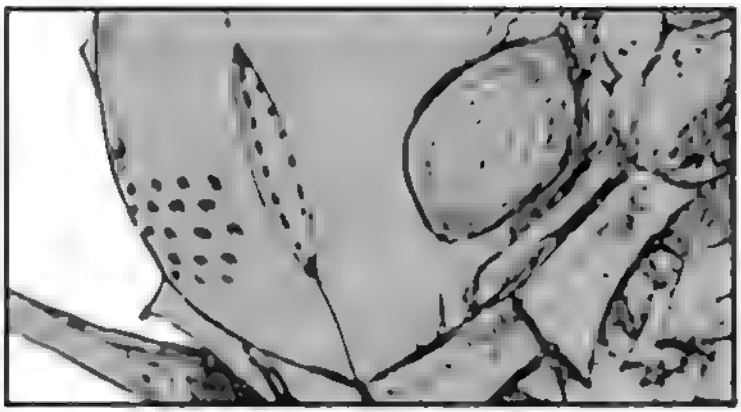

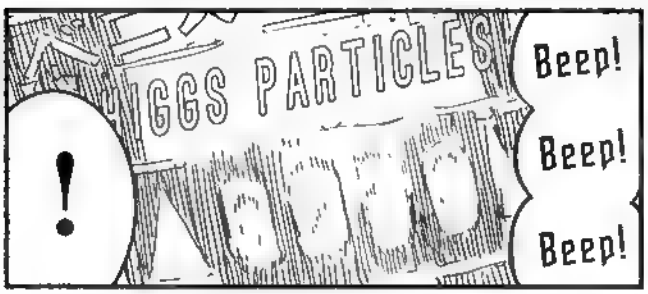
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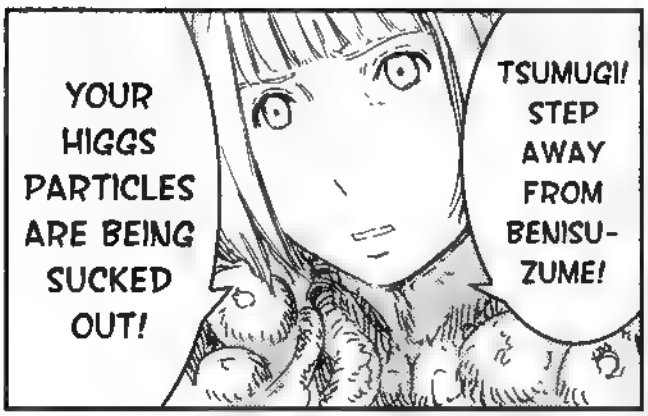
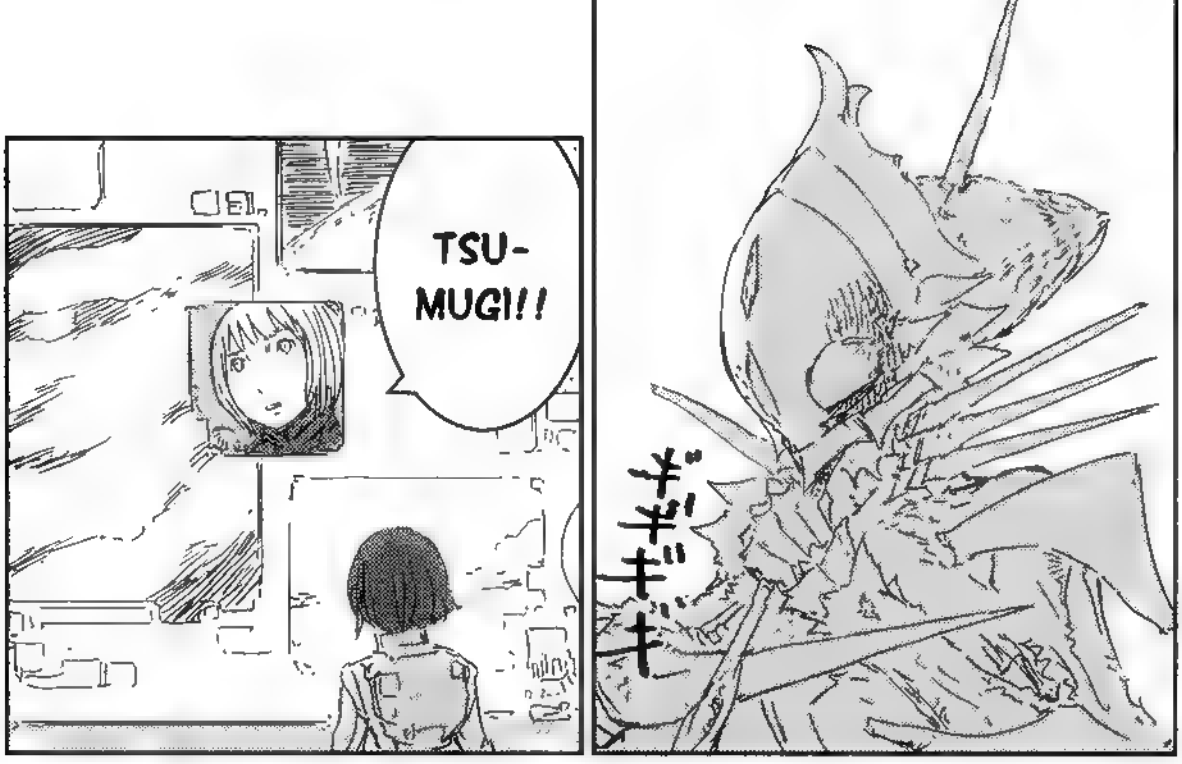

YOUR HIGGS PARTICLES ARE BEING SUCKED OUT!
TSUMUGI! STEP AWAY FROM BENISU-ZUME!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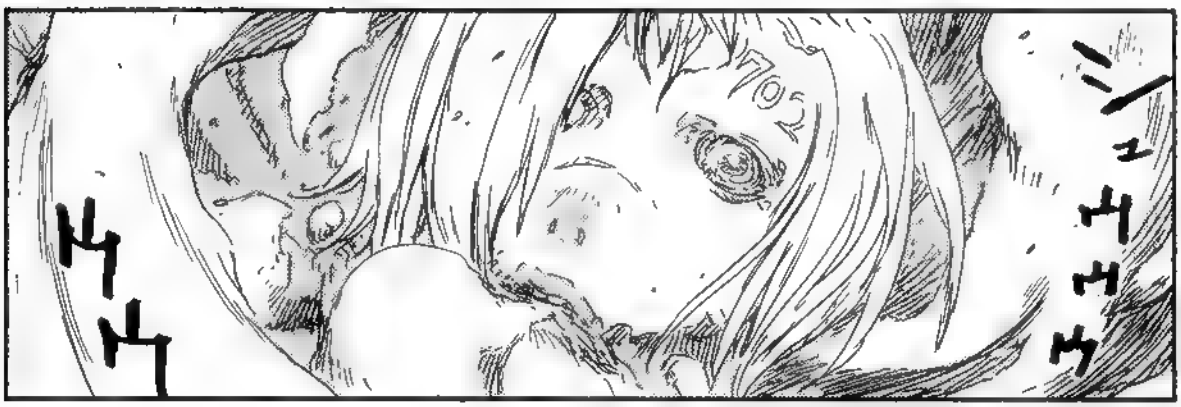
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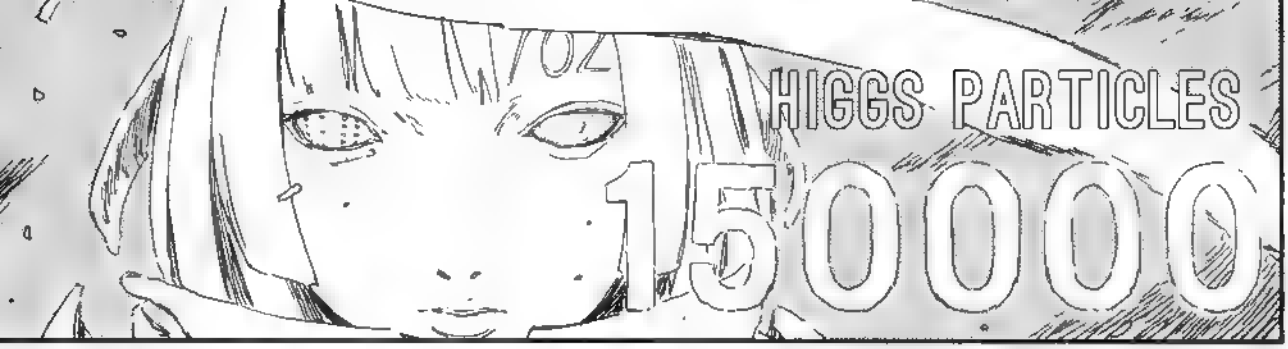
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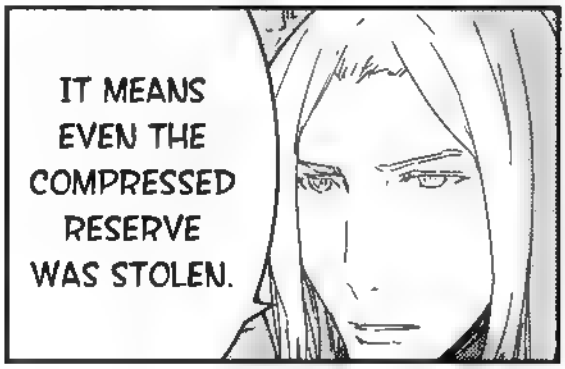
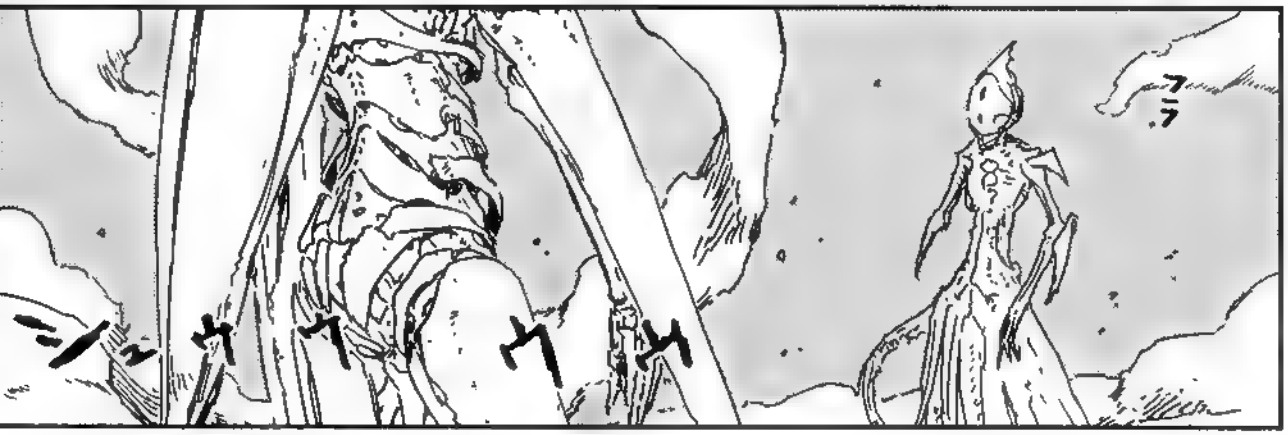

IT MEANS EVEN THE COMPRESSED RESERVE WAS STOLEN.

THAT'S THREE TIMES MORE THAN TSUMUGI HAD ORIGINALLY! HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE!?
HUN-DRED FIFTY THOU-SAND!?



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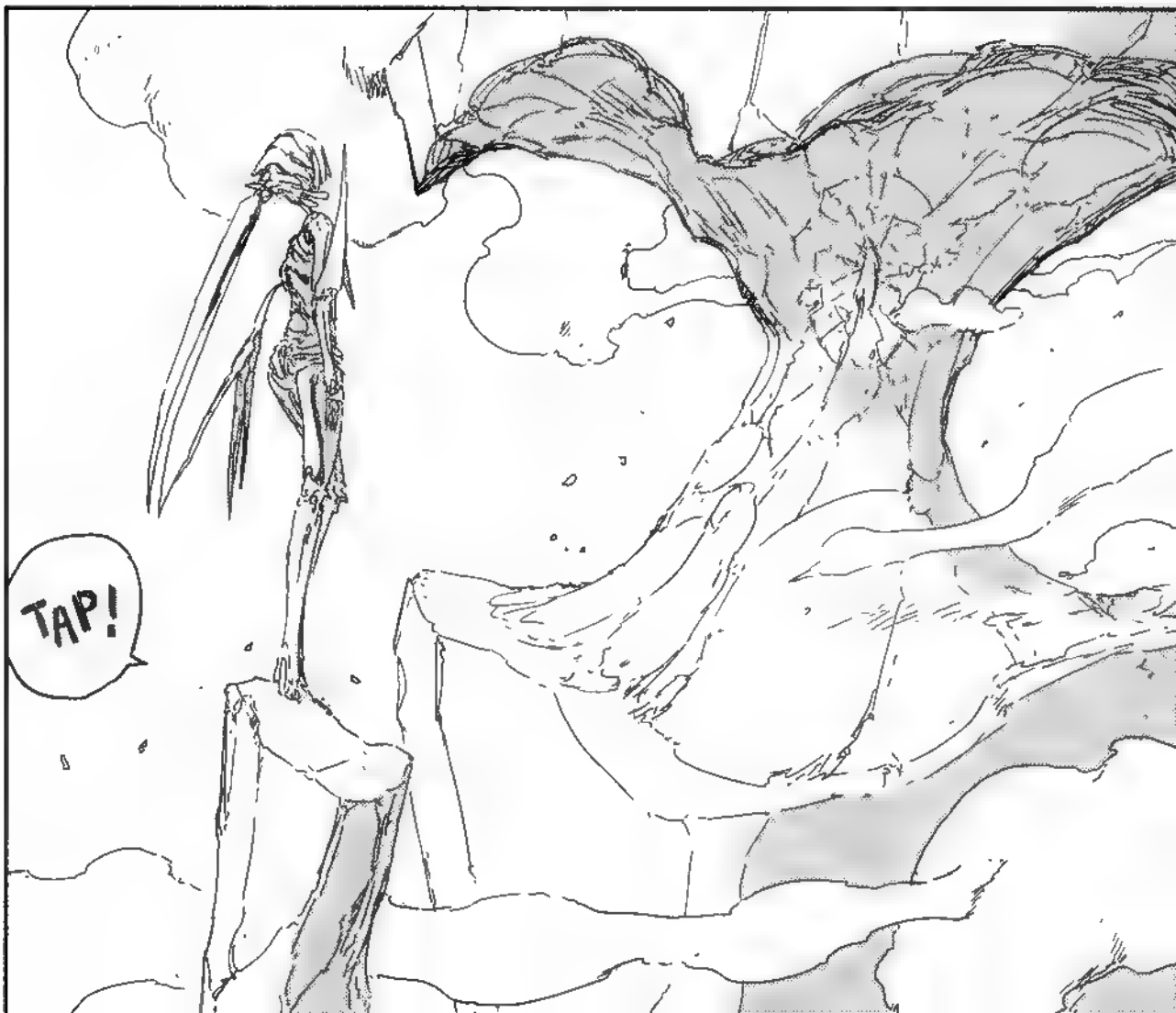
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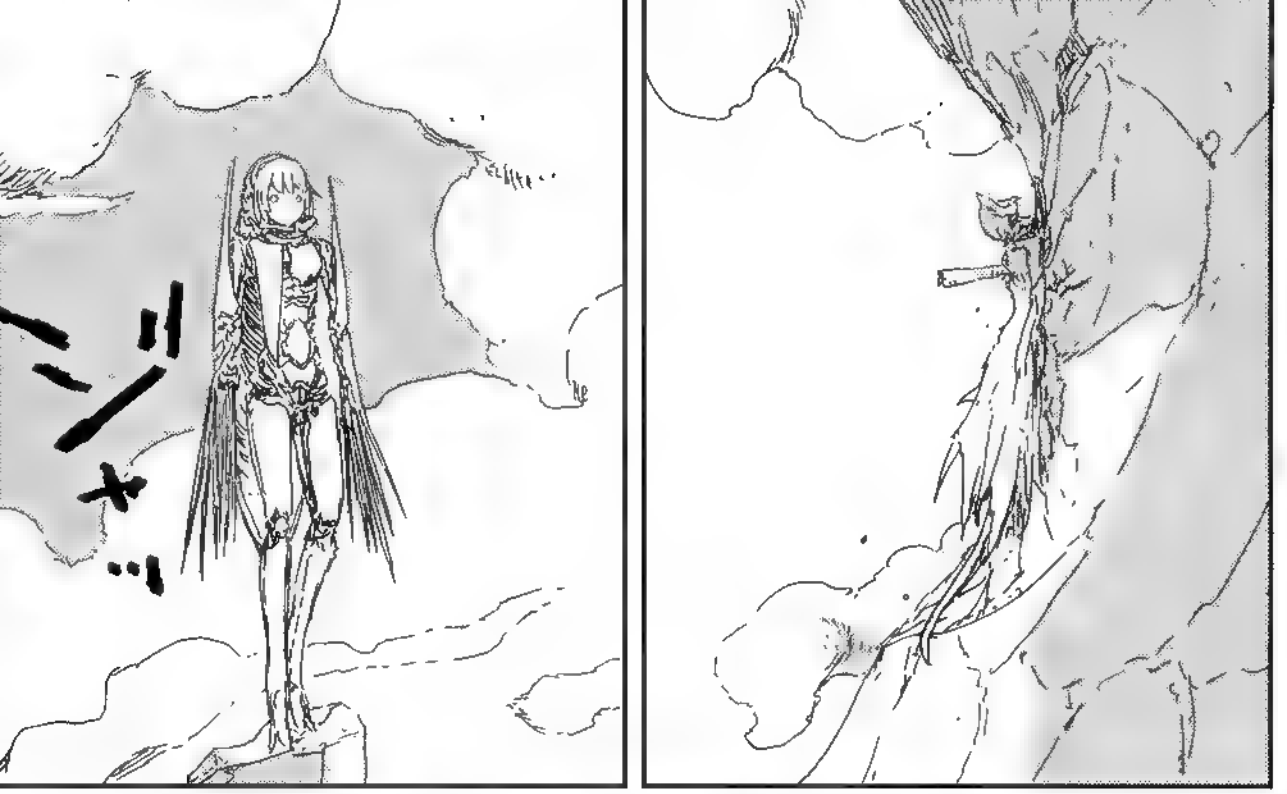

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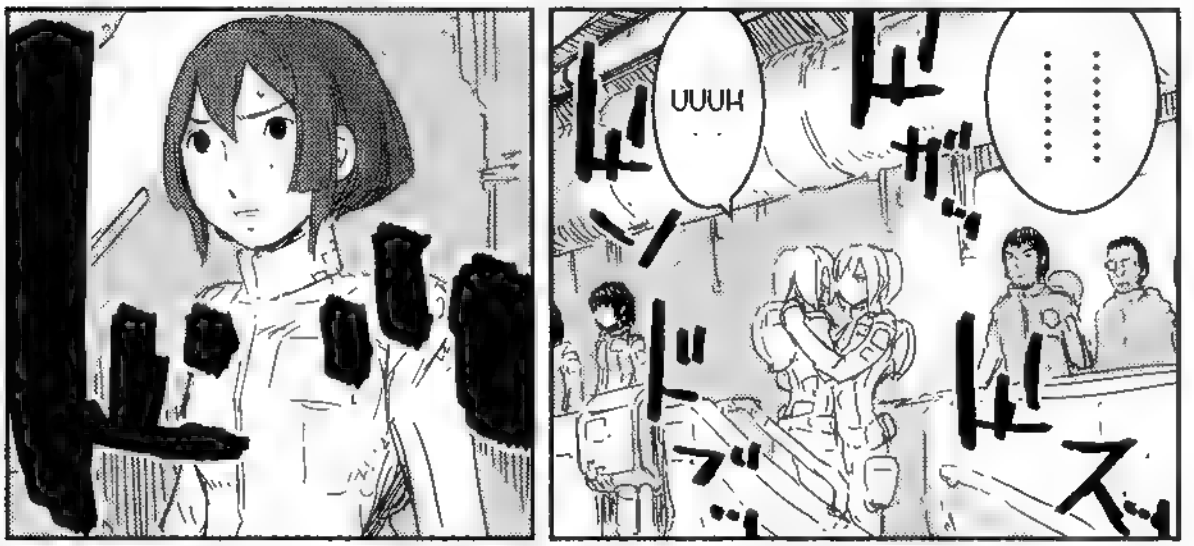

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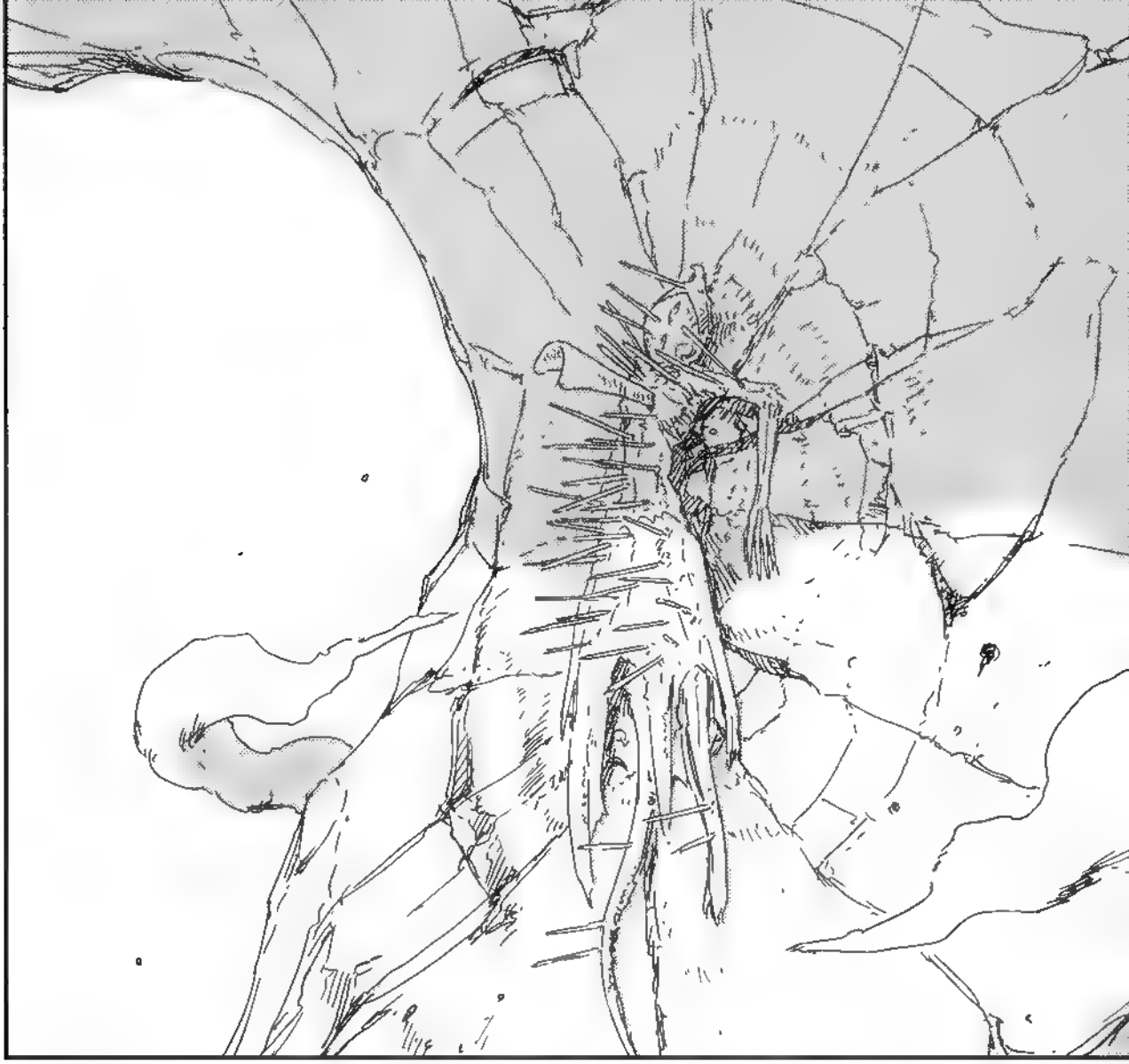

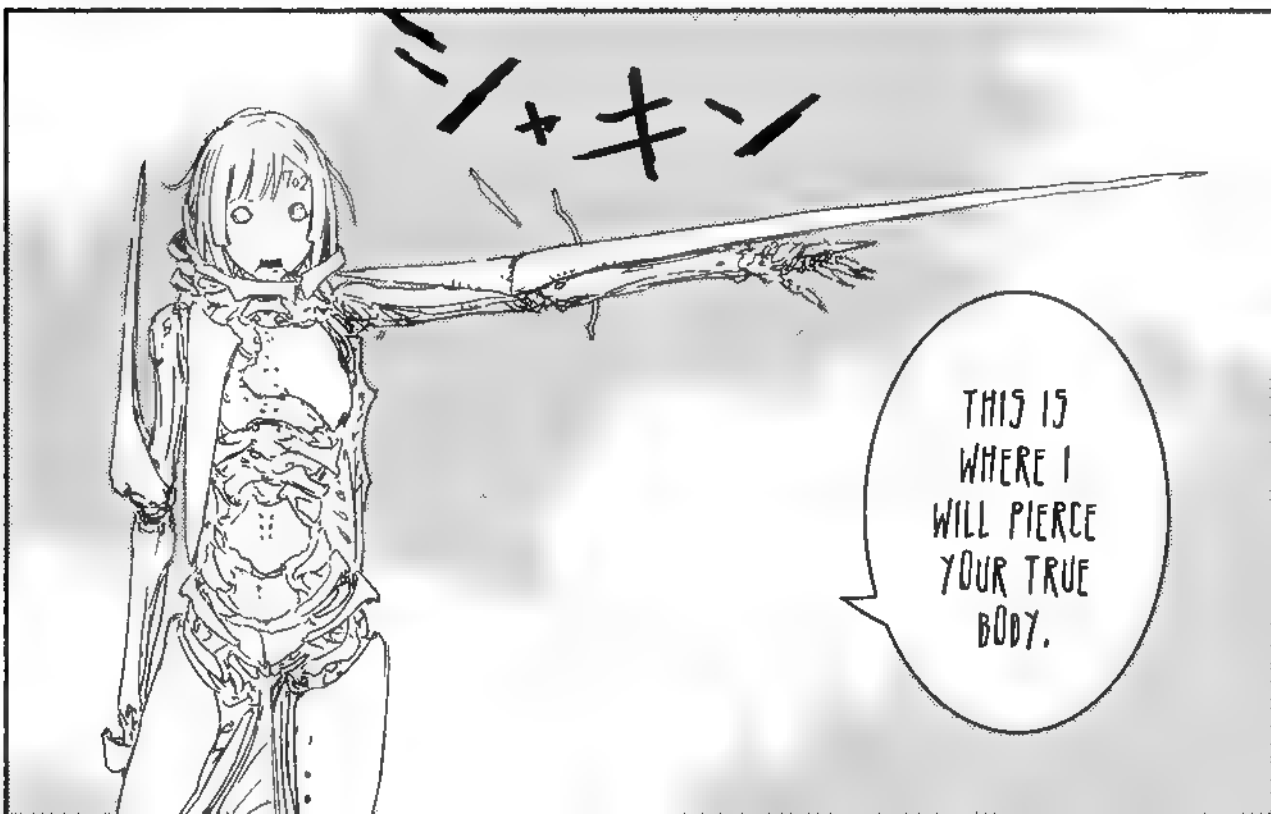
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THIS IS WHERE I WILL PIERCE YOUR TRUE BODY.

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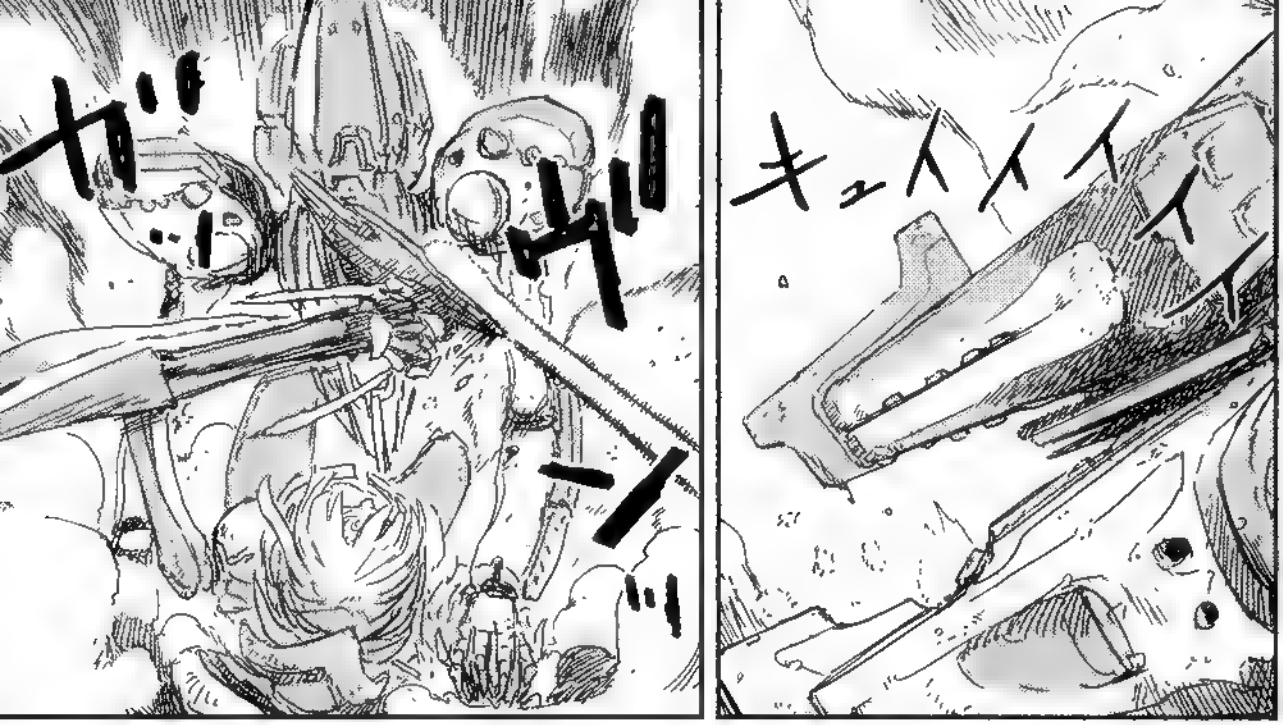

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DID WE JUST FIND THE ONLY WEAK SPOT? THE BARREL!?
THE ENTIRE CRANIAL SYSTEM IS DESTROYED, BUT THE REST OF THE FRAME IS STILL COMPLETELY INTACT.
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WHERE IS IT!
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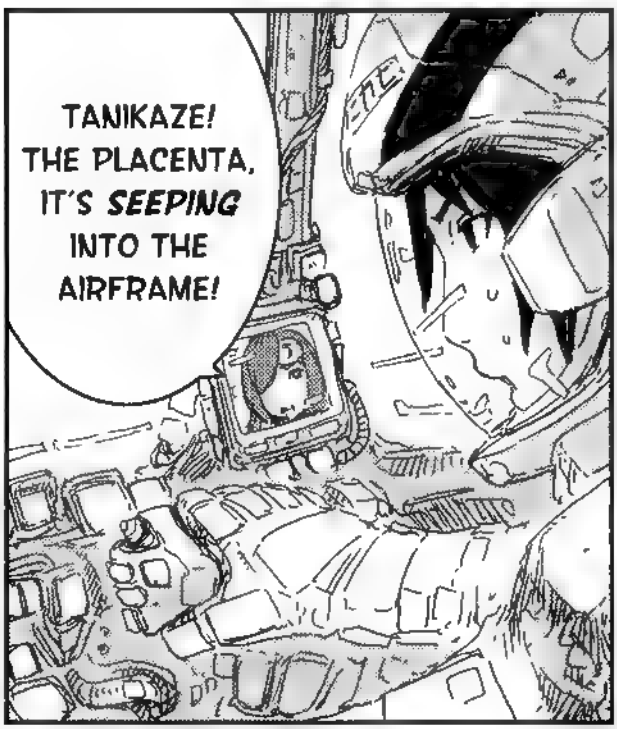
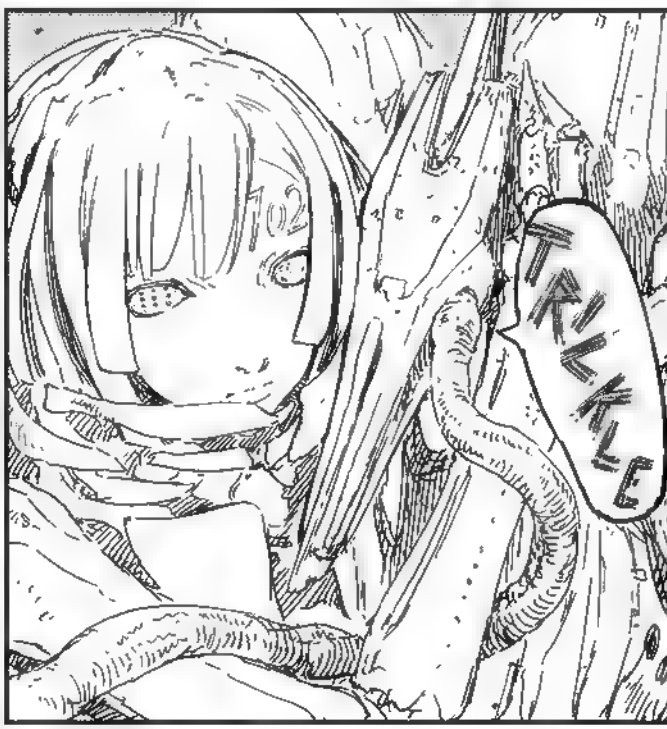

TANIKAZE! THE PLACENTA, IT'S *SEEPING* INTO THE AIRFRAME!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第41話　おわり
CHAPTER 41　END

シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? CUT THE TRUE BODY NOW!
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第42話　星白閑の形象
CHAPTER 42　HOSHIJIRO SHIZUKA'S IMAGE

PLACENTA HAS PENETRATED TANIKAZE UNIT'S COCKPIT.
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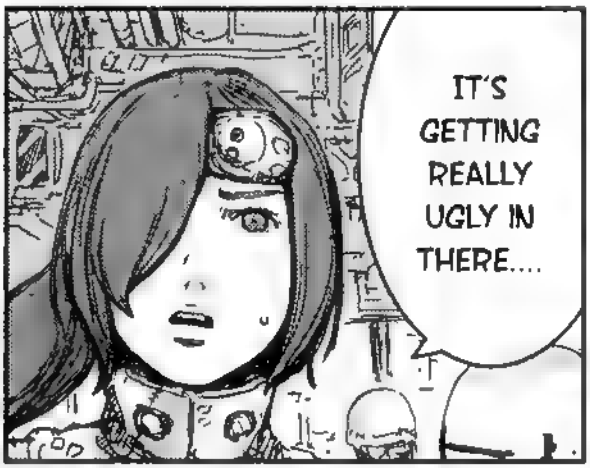
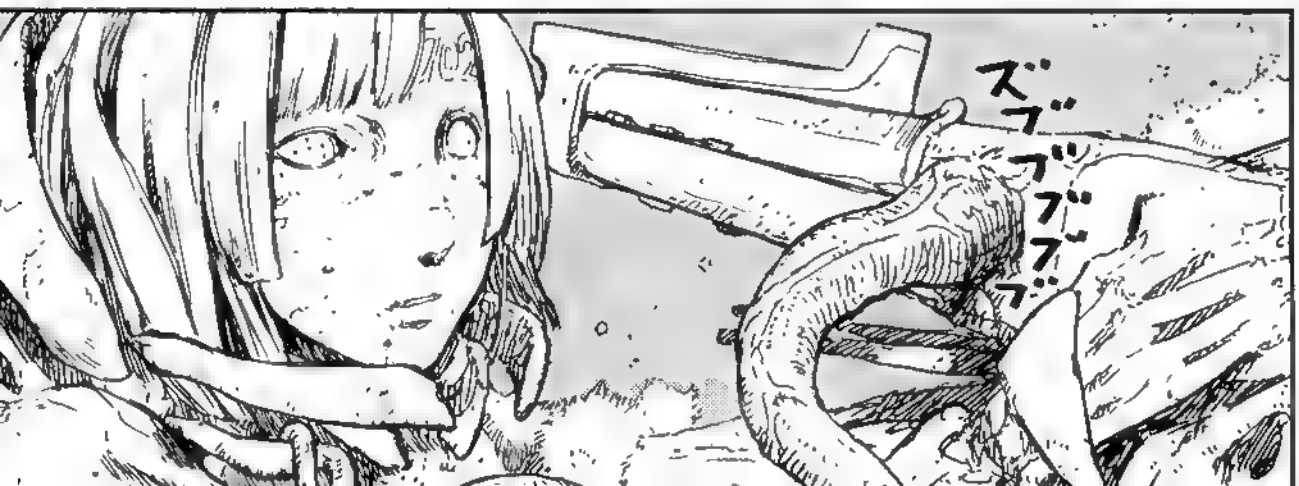

IT'S GETTING REALLY UGLY IN THERE....

THAT'S... *HOSHIJIRO SHIZUKA*, BEING RE-CREATED BY BENISUZUME.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IZANA!
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY BUT TO CUT THE HEAD OFF!!
NAGATE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
SHUT DOWN THE AIRFRAME'S NECK AIRLOCK! I THINK IT WILL BLOCK THE PLACENTAL PENETRATION ROUTE!
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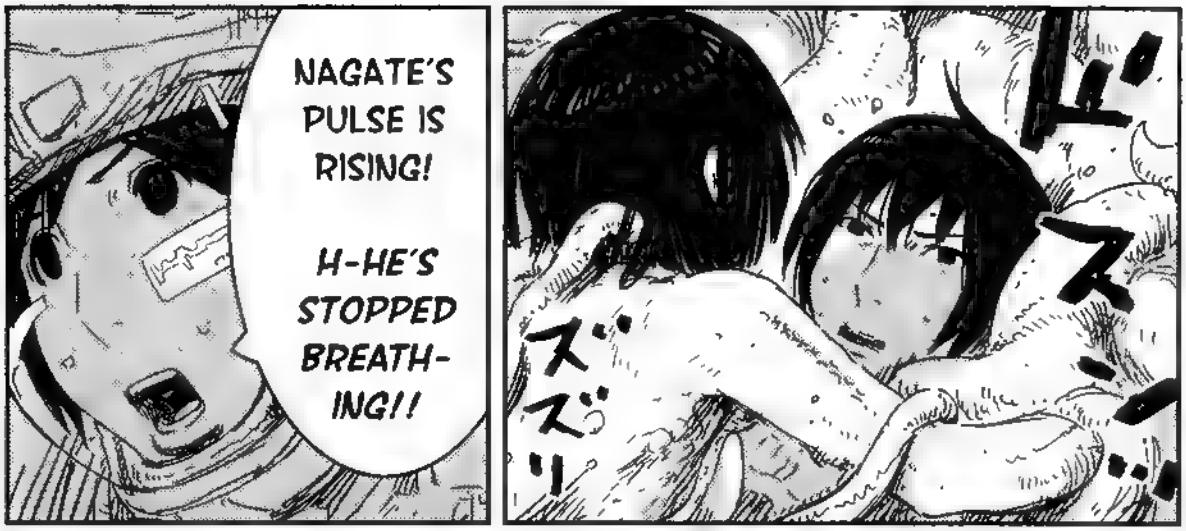
NAGATE'S PULSE IS RISING!
H-HE'S STOPPED BREATH-ING!!
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SQUEEZE!

SFX: THUMP

LOSING ENERGY SOURCE!!
WHAT!?
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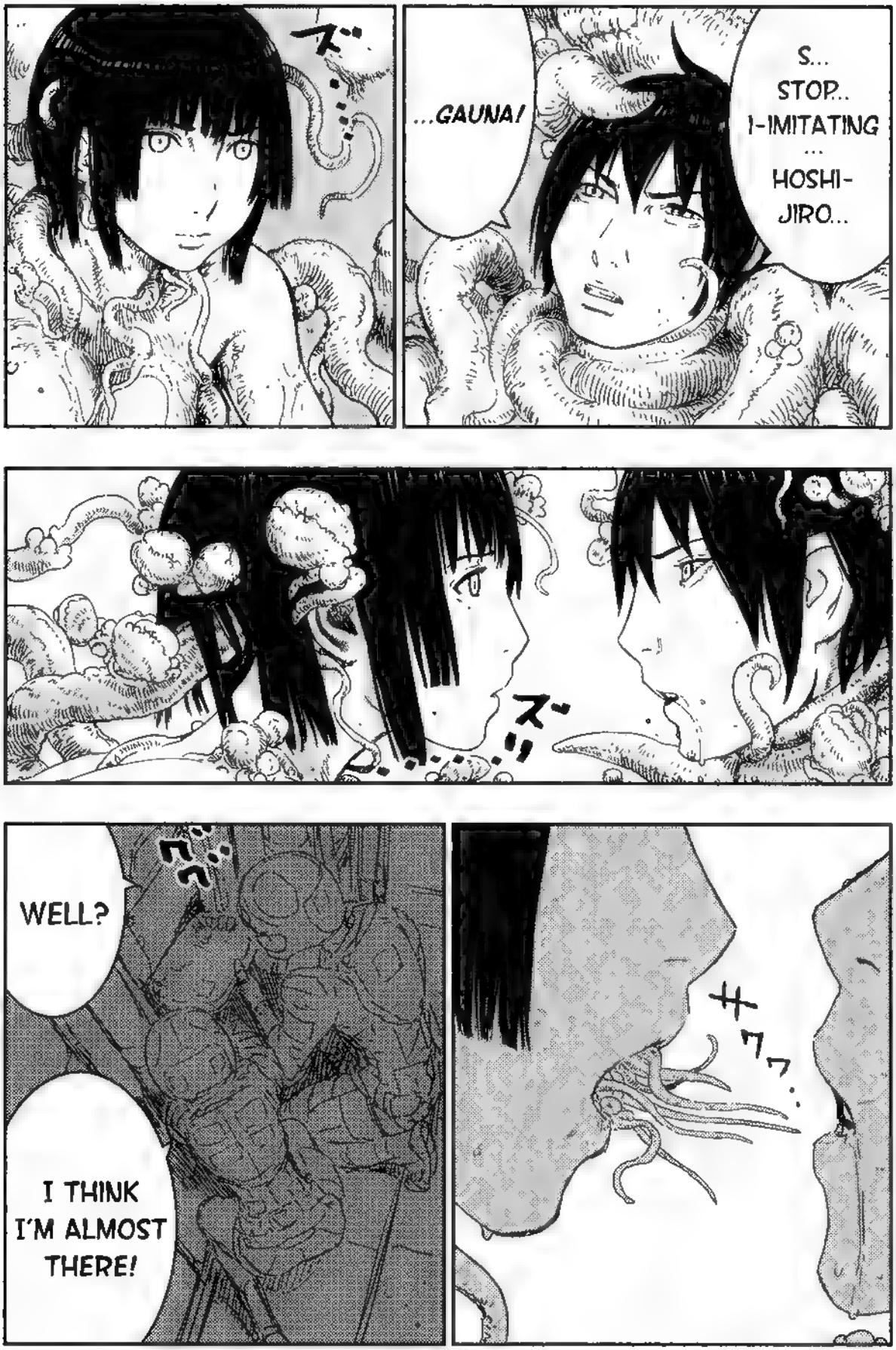
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STOP..
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WELL?
I THINK
I'M ALMOST
THERE!
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I-IT'S OVER, SHINA-TOSE!

JUST A BIT MORE! HANG ON!!

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HERE I GO!

CONTACT!!

STANDBY POWER CONNECTED
HEAD UNCOUPLED
Beep-
NECK
AIRLOCK
Beep!
CLOS

N-NO....
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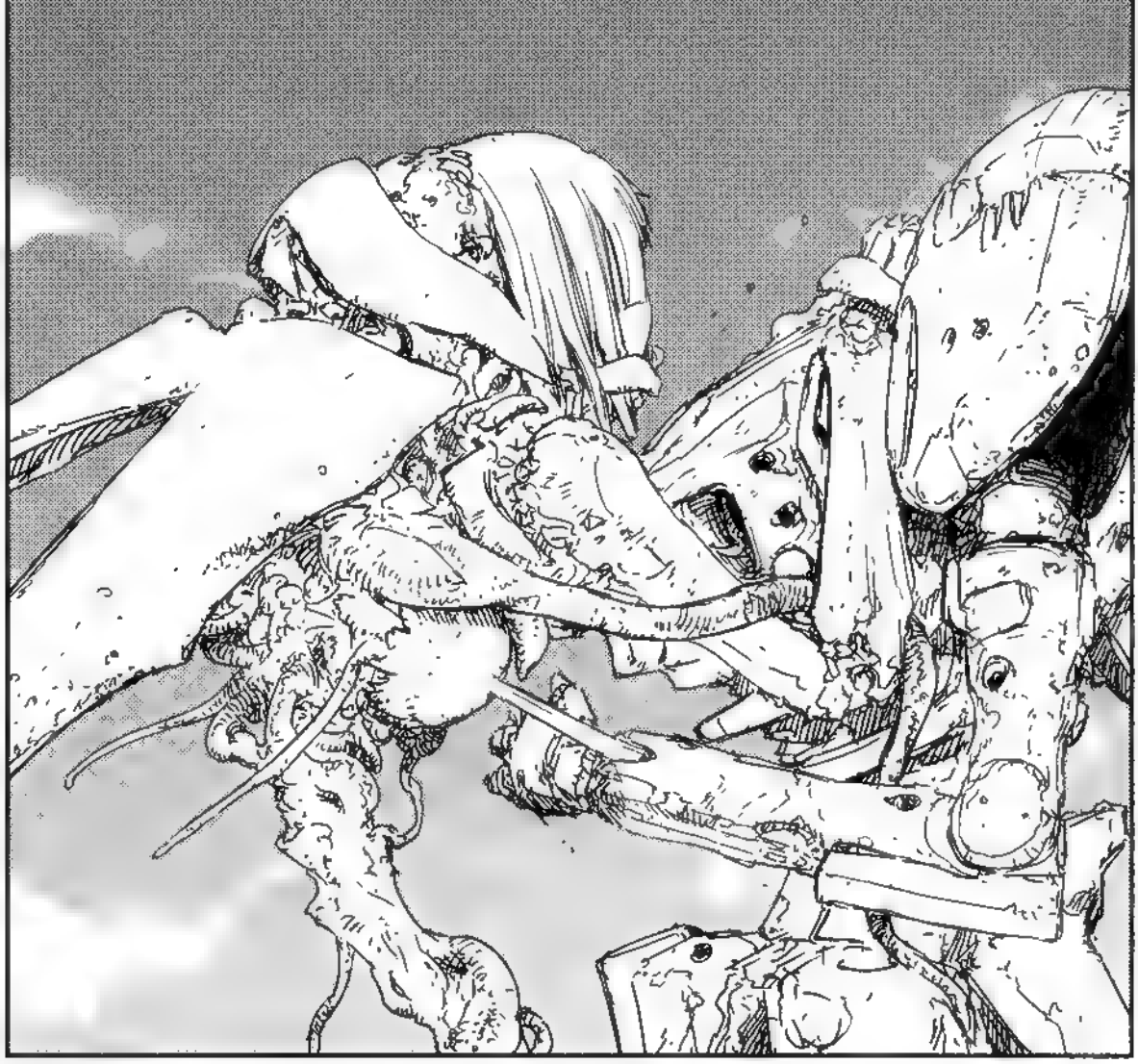

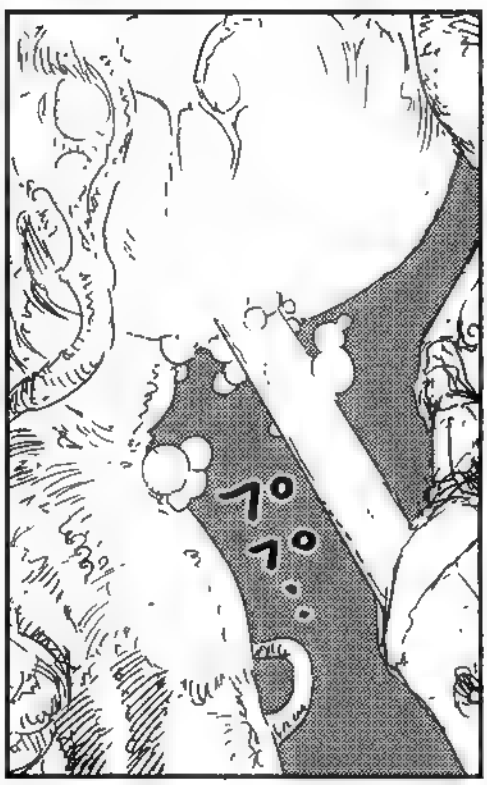
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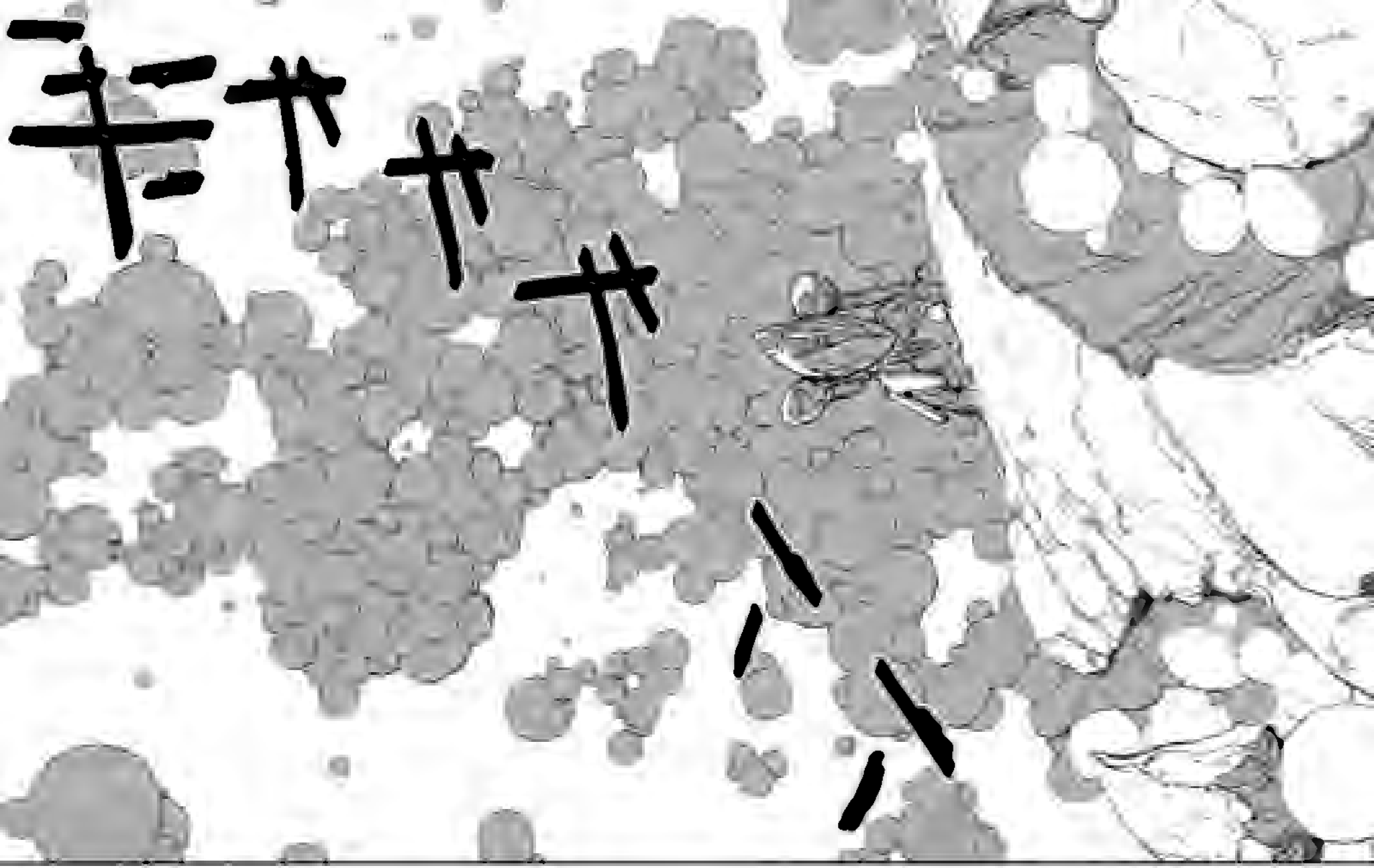

TANIKAZE UNIT HAS DESTROYED BENISUZUME.
FOAM DISINTE-GRATION CONFIRMED.
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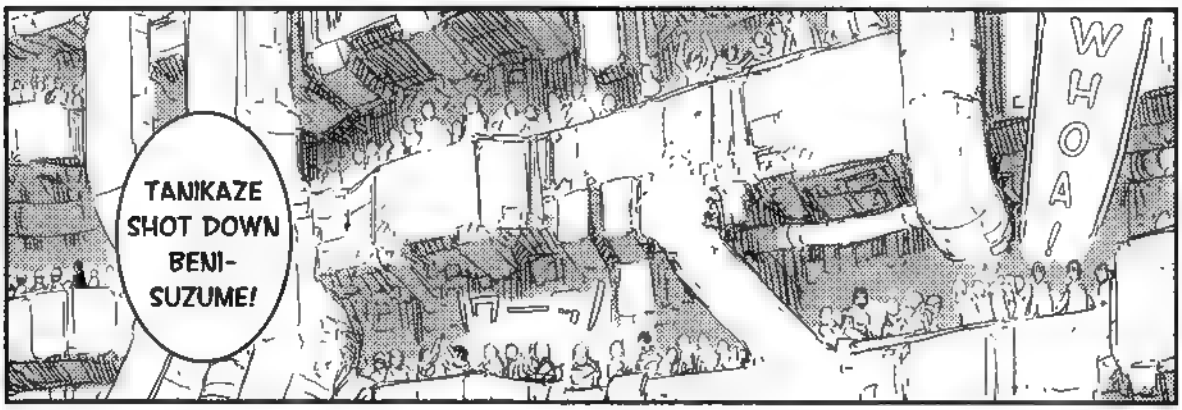
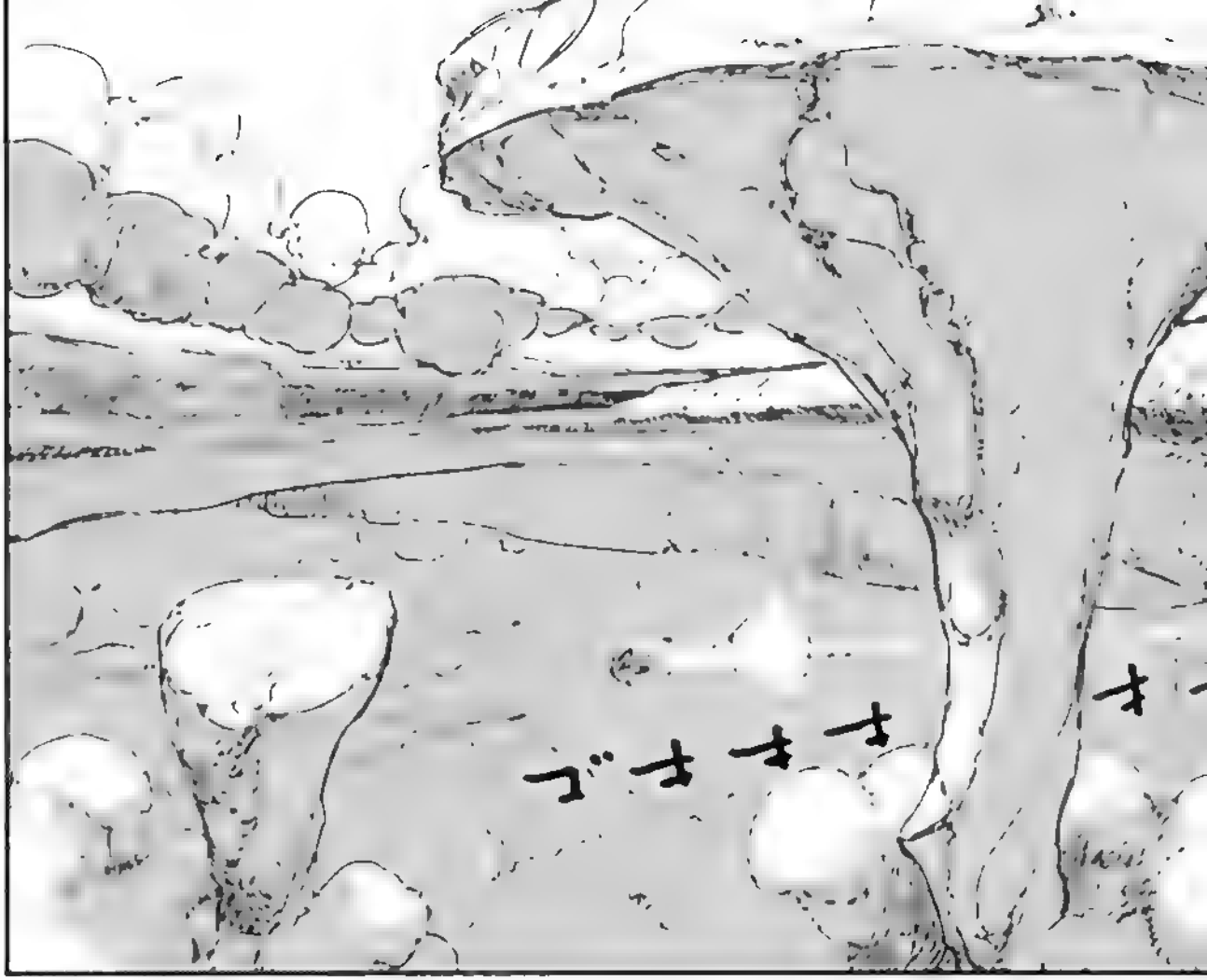

TANIKAZE SHOT DOWN BENI-SUZUME!
WHOA!

THAT WAS A DIFFICULT ENEMY, TROUBLE-SOME 'TILL THE BITTER END

NOT TOO SHABBY, SHINATOSE.
HE WON!!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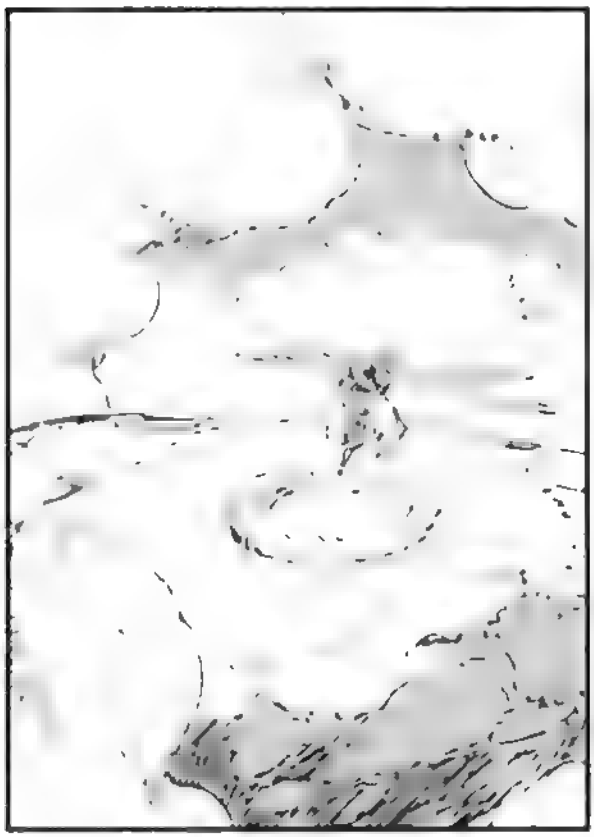
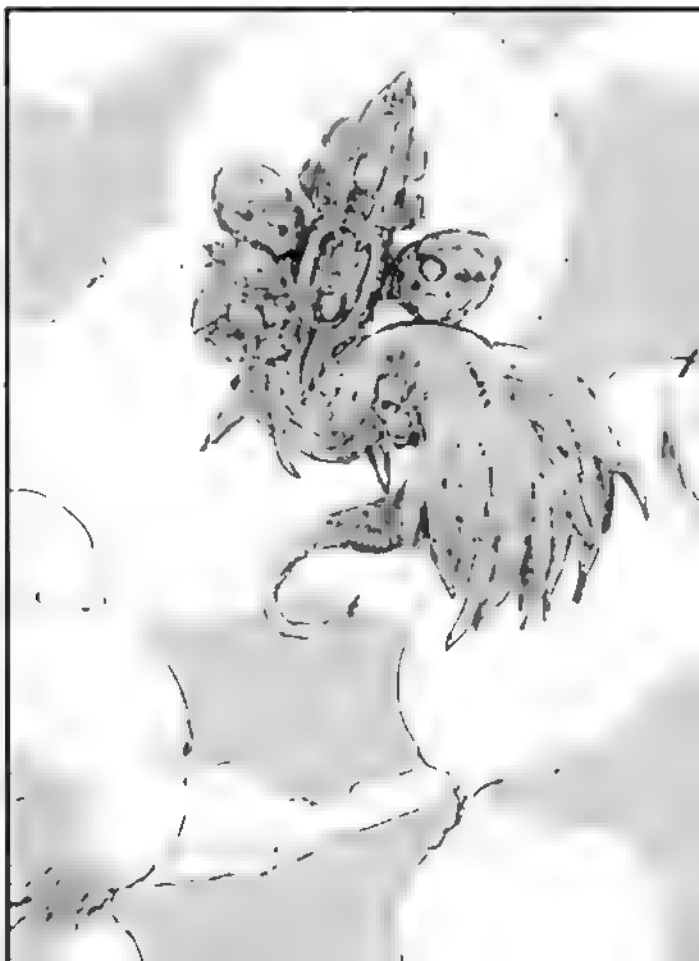
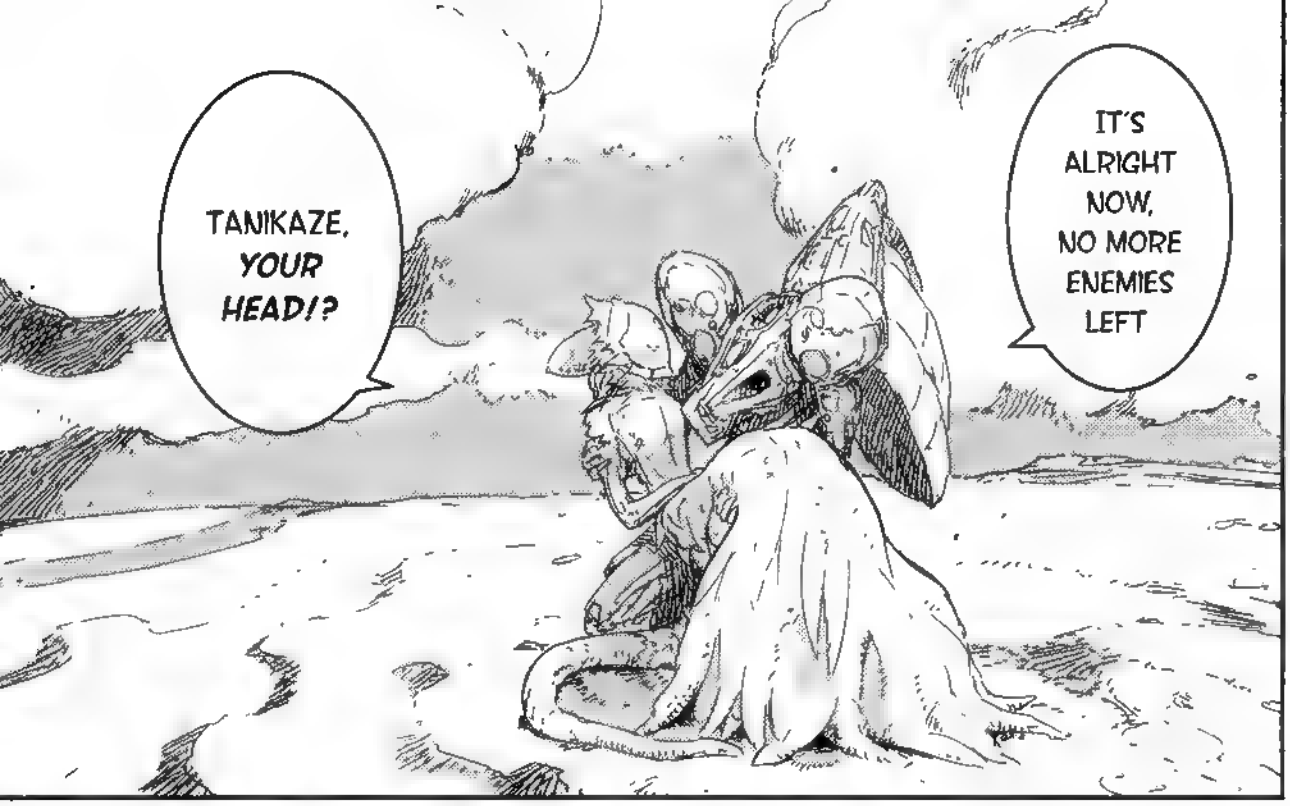
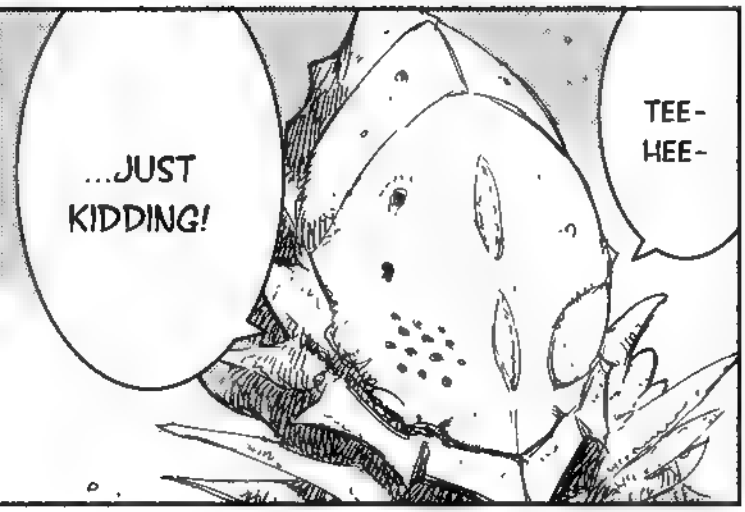
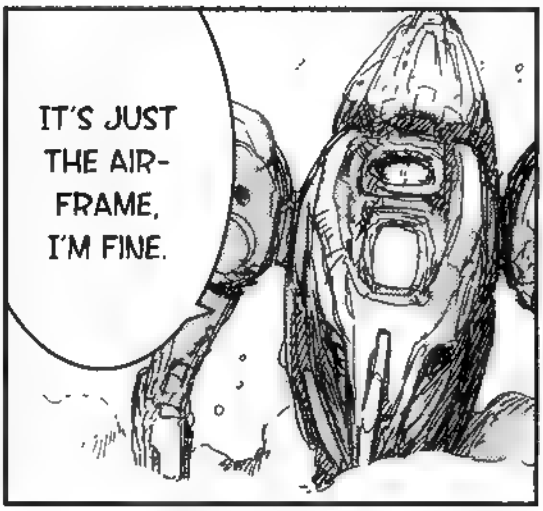





TANIKAZE, YOUR HEAD!?
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, NO MORE ENEMIES LEFT


...JUST KIDDING!
TEE-HEE-


IT'S JUST THE AIR-FRAME, I'M FINE.

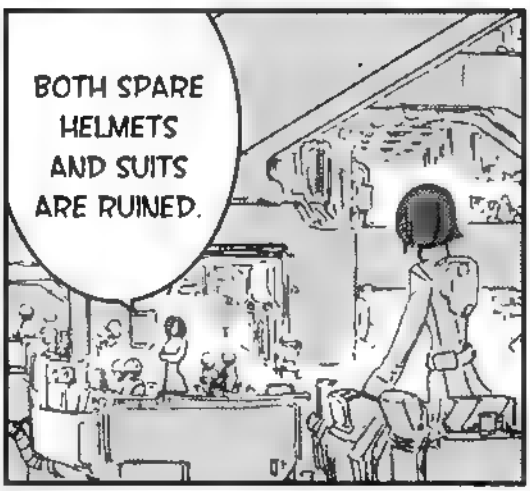
TSUMUGI, THANK YOU TOO FOR RESCUING US!
YUP!
AND IZANA IS ALSO SAFE? THAT'S A RELIEF!!

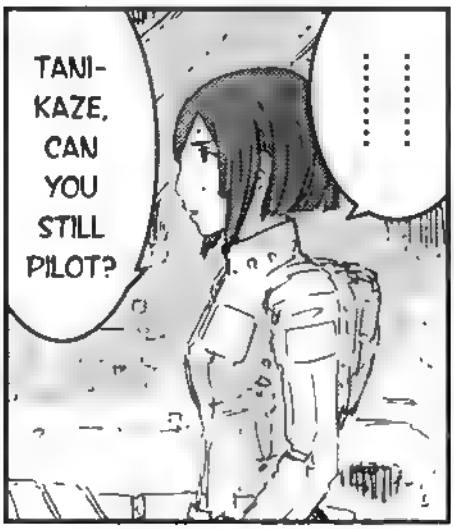
OH, COME ON!

I CAN FLY AGAIN NOW.
YOUR INFUSION OF HIGGS PARTICLES IS HAVING AN EFFECT.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HE HAS TO RETURN TO SIDONIA IN THAT CONDITION, *WITH THAT?*

THERE'S NO SAFE WAY FOR THE PILOT TO EJECT THAT THING OUT.


BOTH SPARE HELMETS AND SUITS ARE RUINED.


TANI-KAZE, CAN YOU STILL PILOT?
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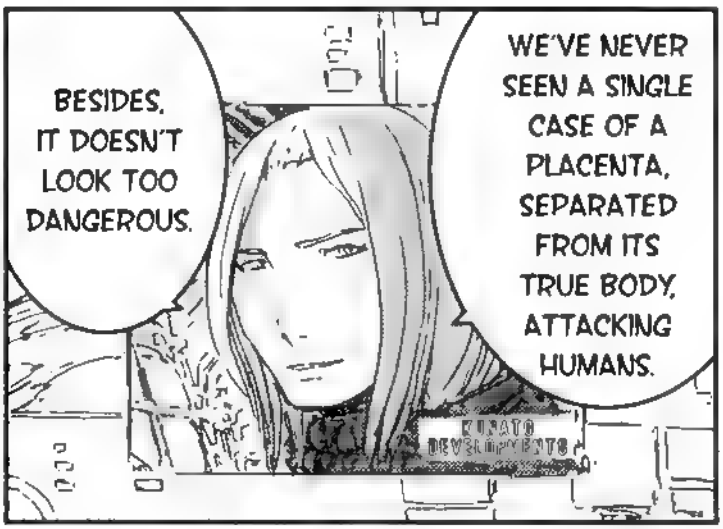
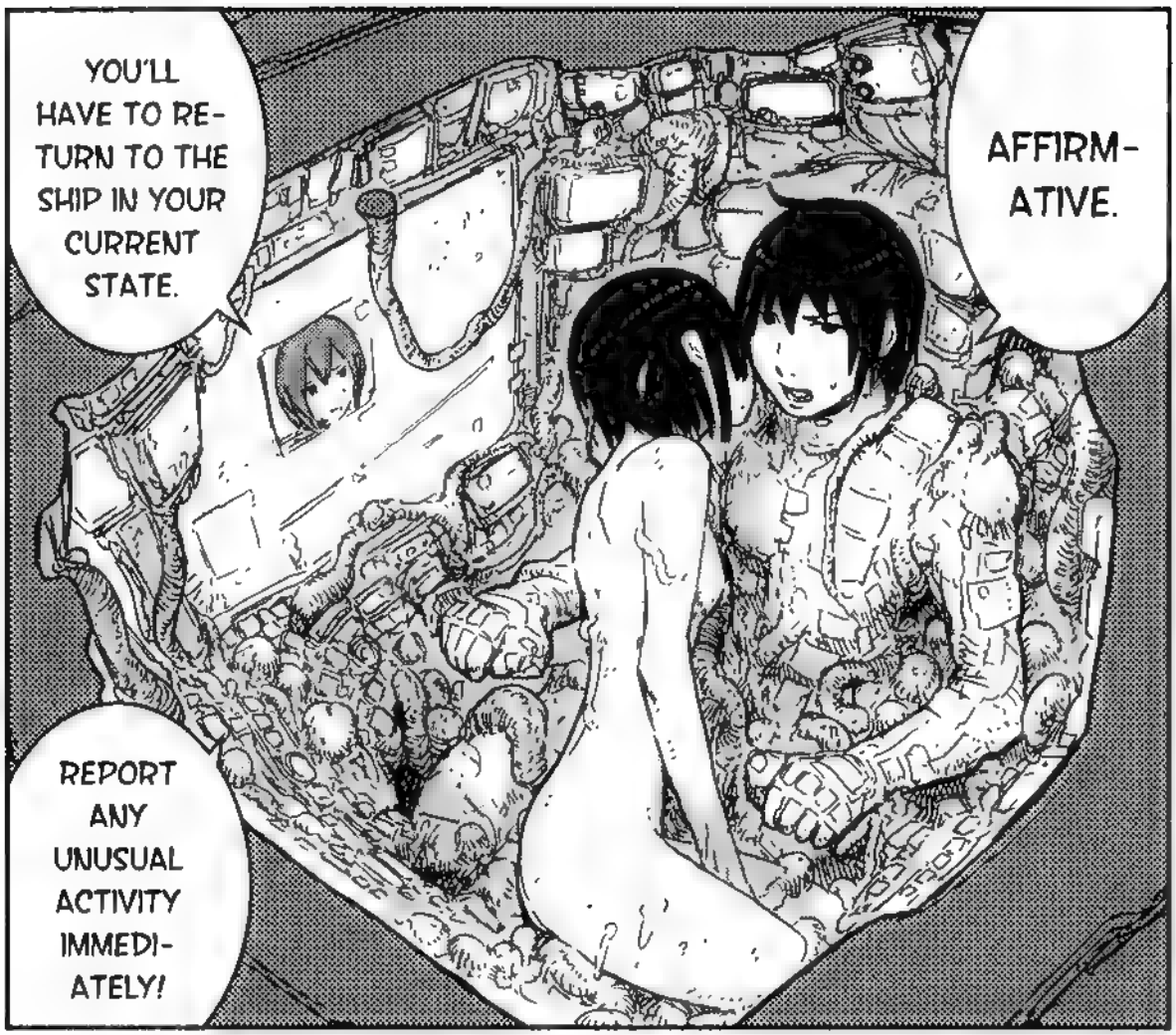
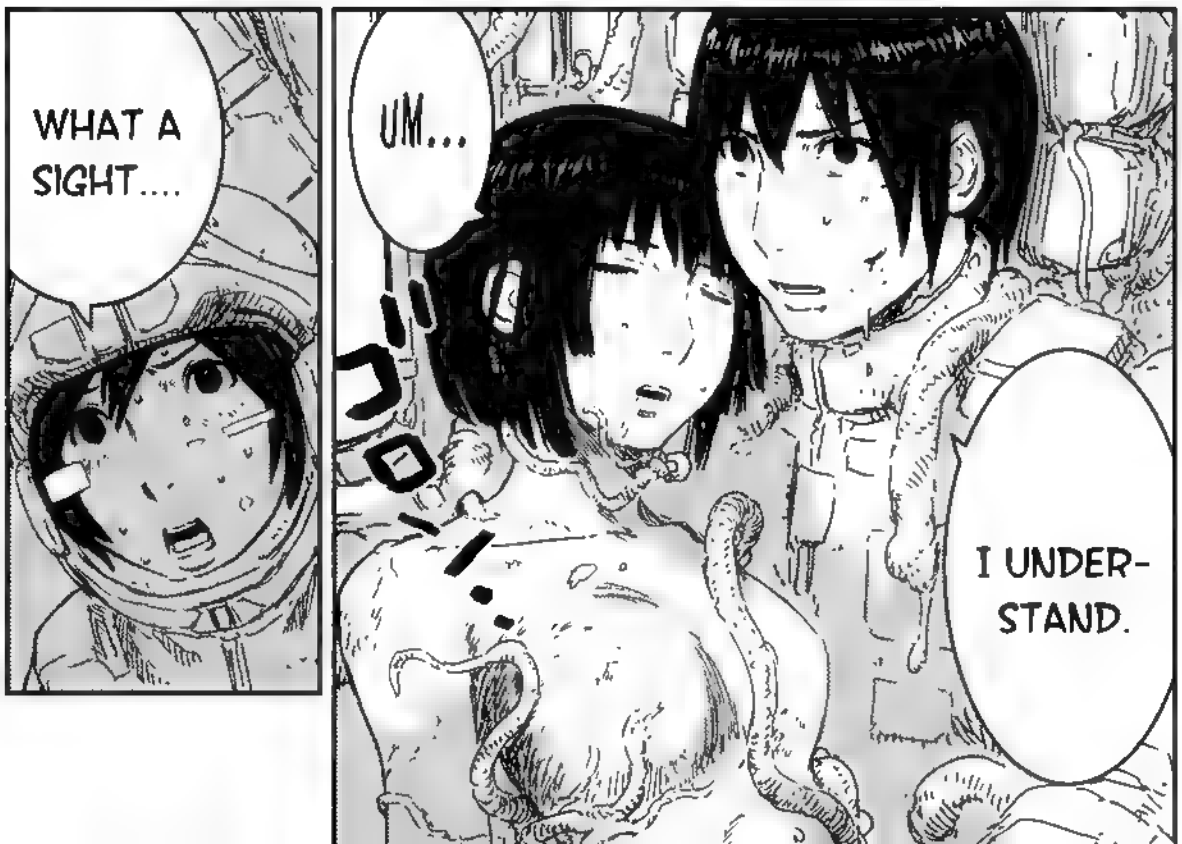
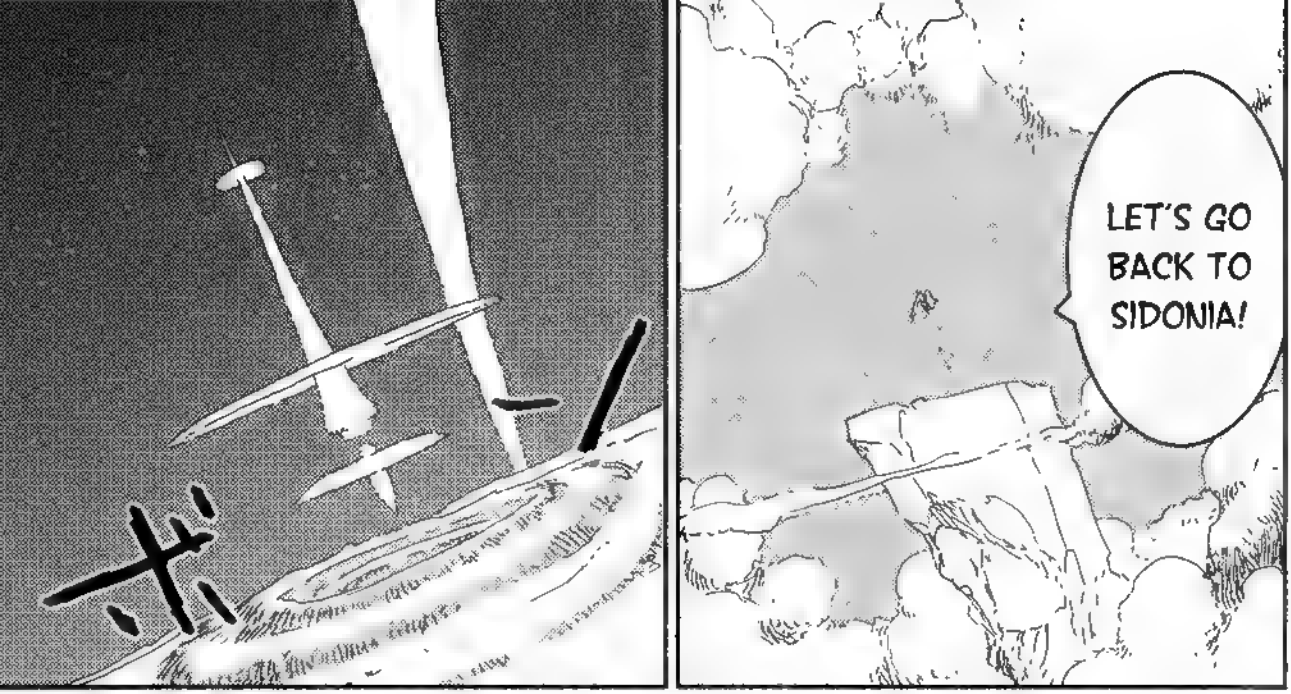
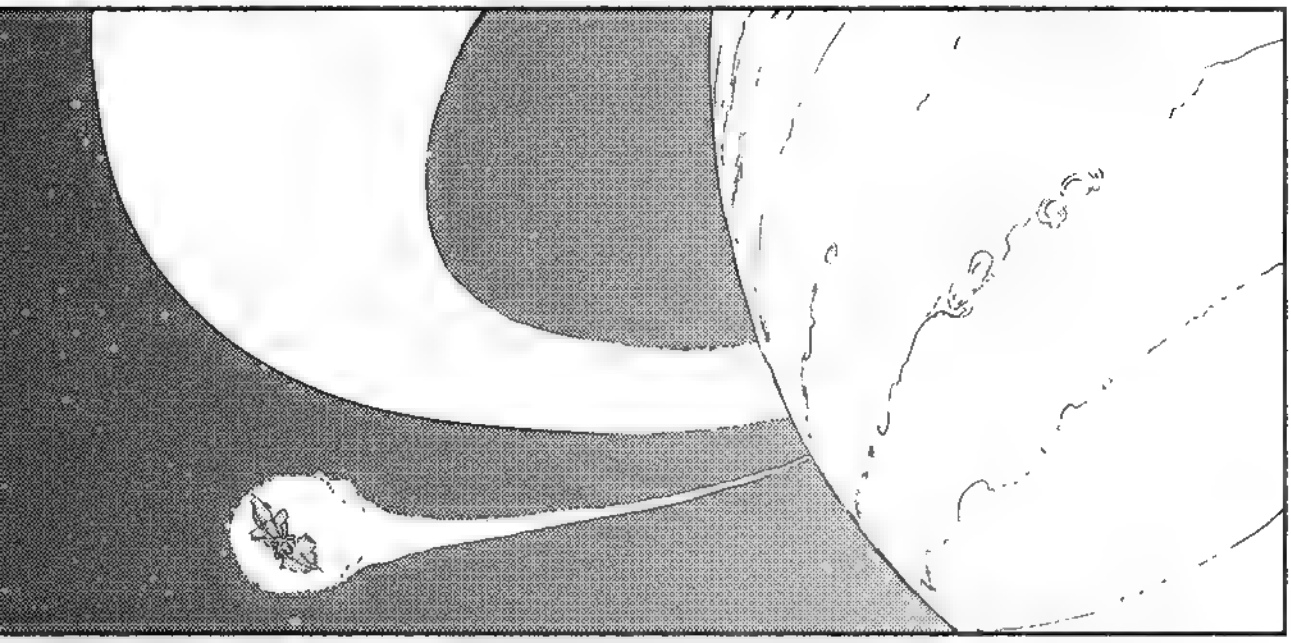
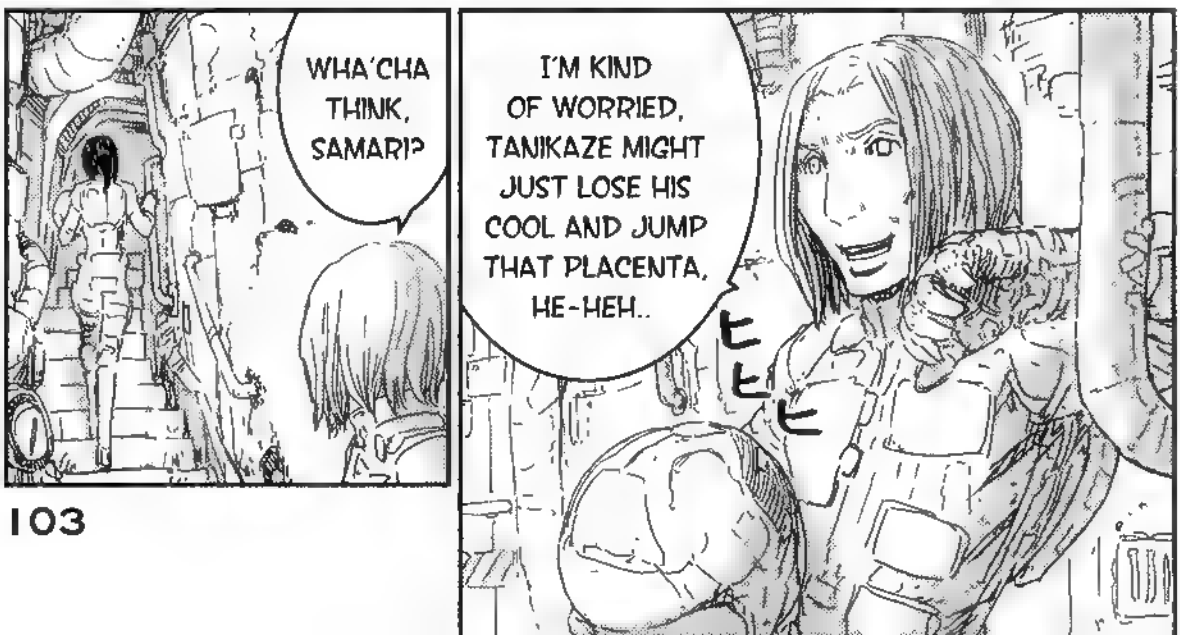

BESIDES, IT DOESN'T LOOK TOO DANGEROUS.
WE'VE NEVER SEEN A SINGLE CASE OF A PLACENTA, SEPARATED FROM ITS TRUE BODY, ATTACKING HUMANS.


YOU'LL HAVE TO RE-TURN TO THE SHIP IN YOUR CURRENT STATE.
AFFIRM-ATIVE.
REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IMMEDI-ATELY!


WHAT A SIGHT....
UM...
I UNDER-STAND.


LET'S GO BACK TO SIDONIA!




WHA'CHA THINK, SAMARI?
I'M KIND OF WORRIED, TANIKAZE MIGHT JUST LOSE HIS COOL AND JUMP THAT PLACENTA, HE-HEH..
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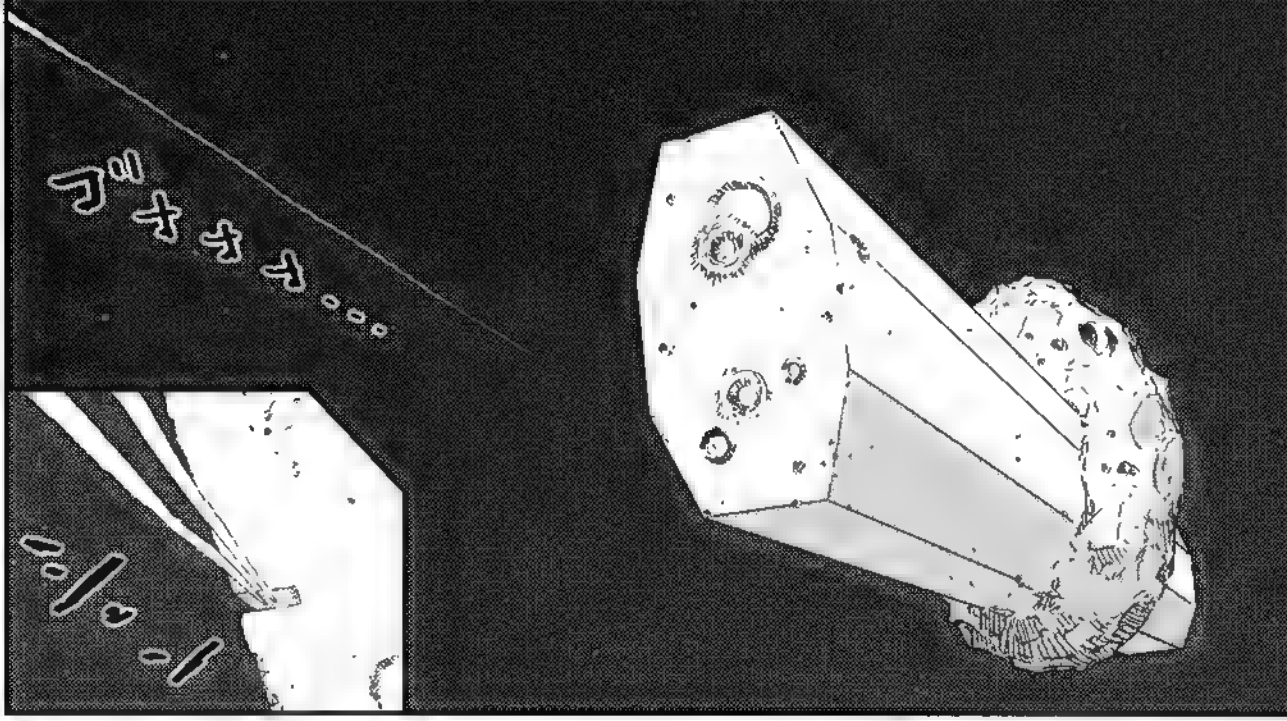
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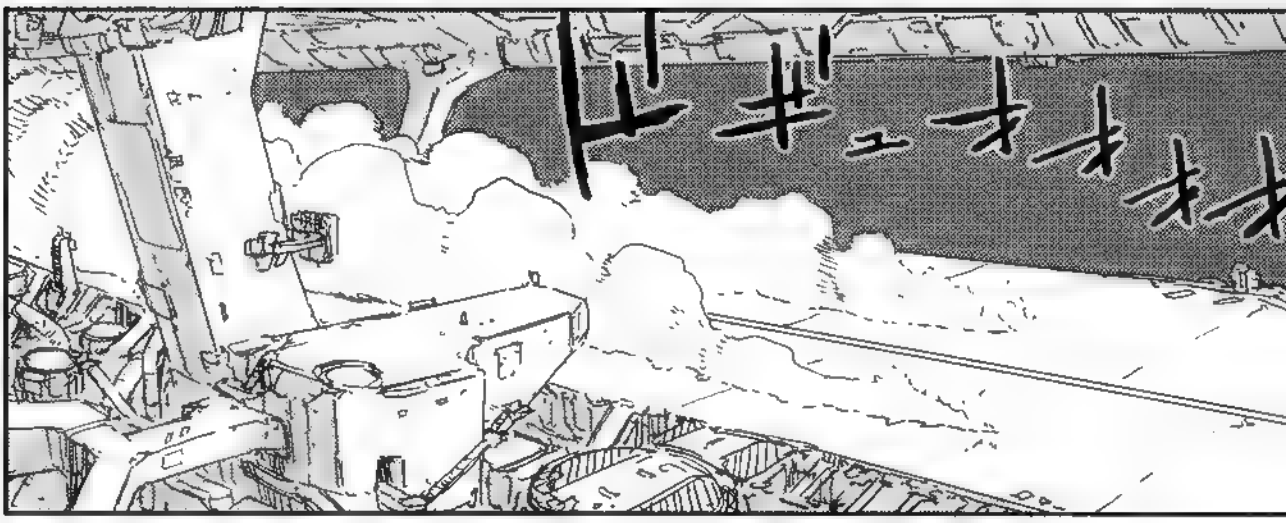
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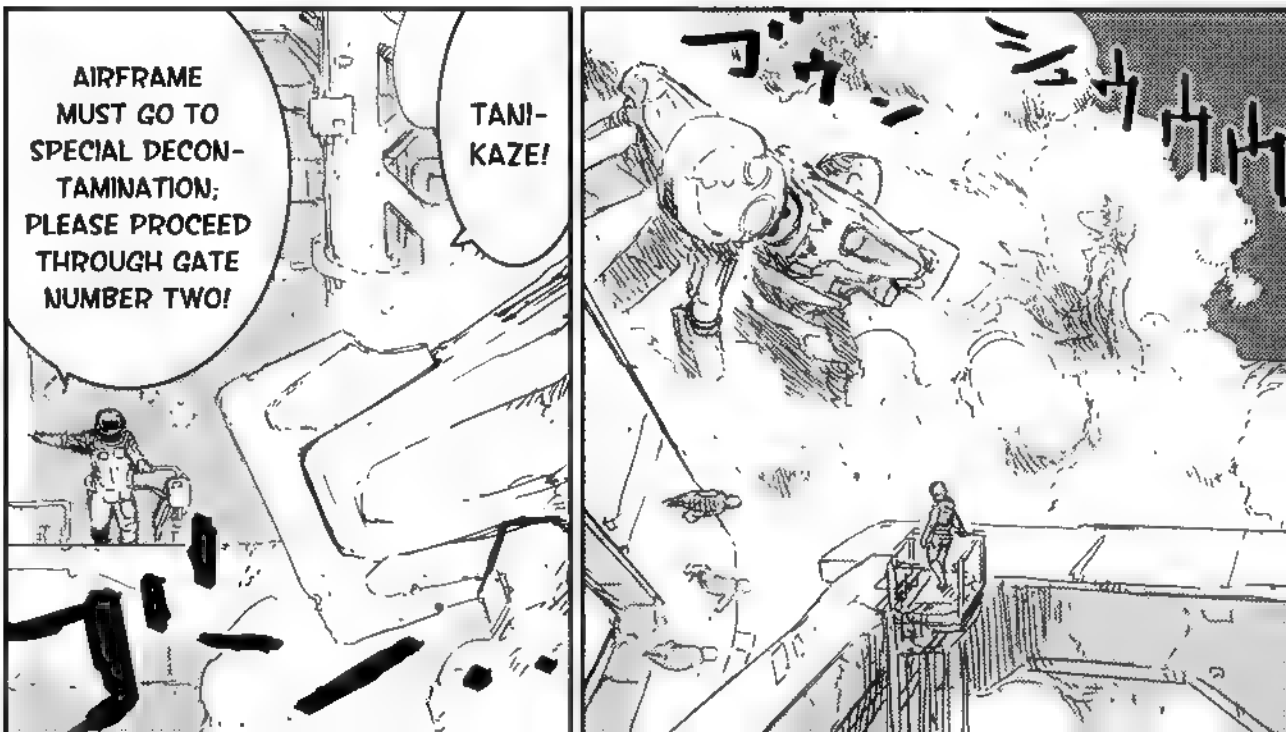
AIRFRAME MUST GO TO SPECIAL DECON-TAMINATION; PLEASE PROCEED THROUGH GATE NUMBER TWO!
TANI-KAZE!
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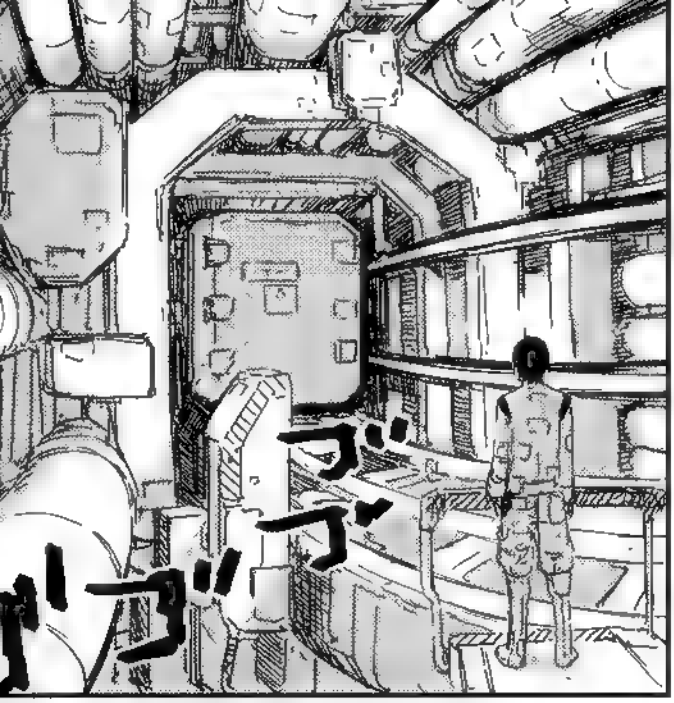
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND.
TSUMUGI DID HER BEST TO PROTECT ME, SHIELDING ME FROM THE ARROWS
SHE'S A MOST TENDER HEARTED GIRL
INDEED.



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PLACENTA
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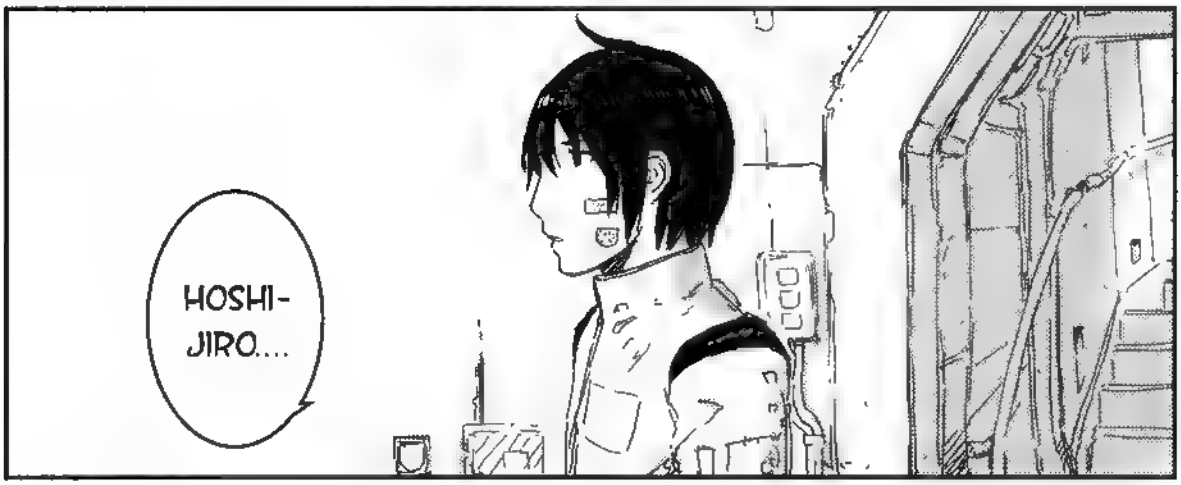
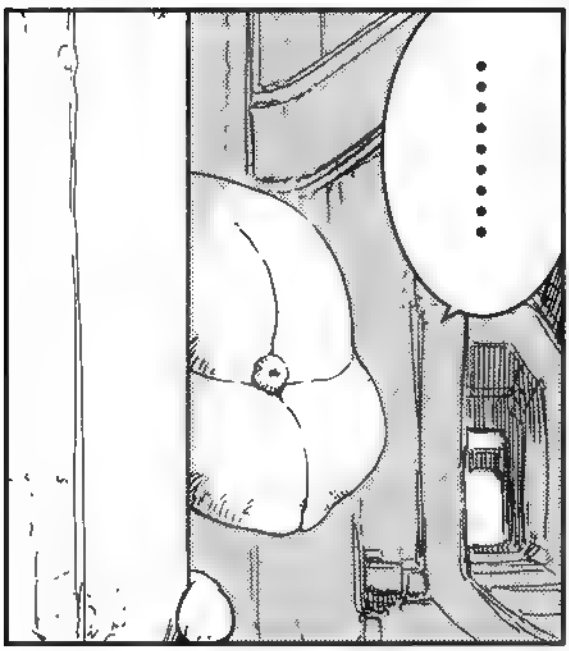
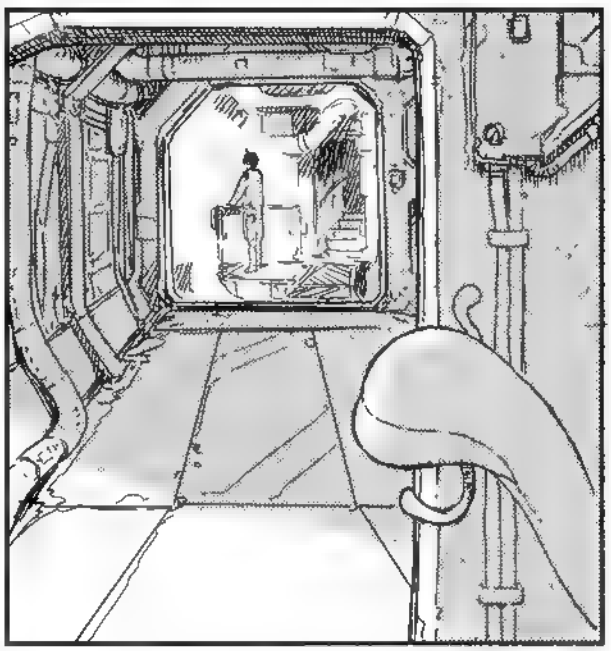
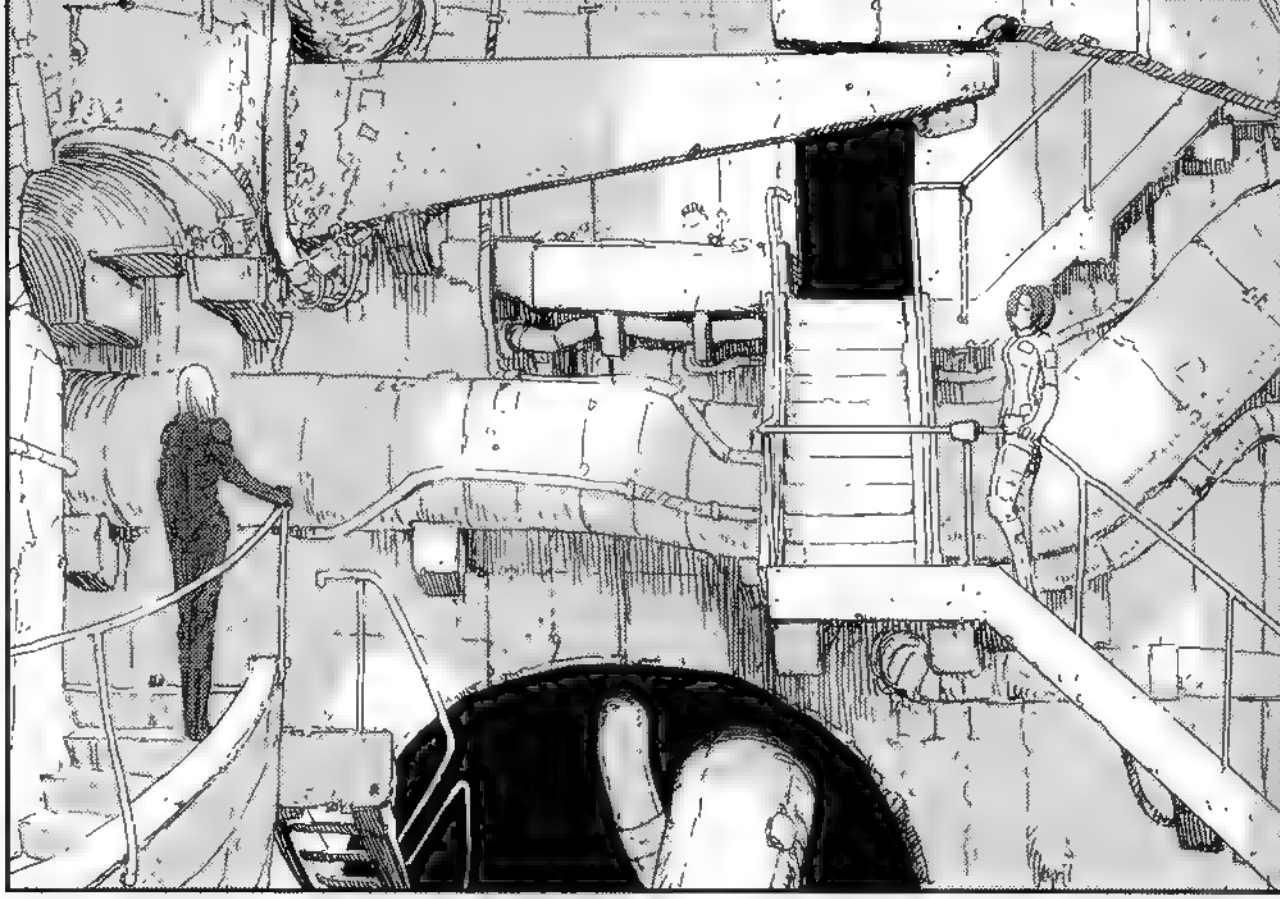
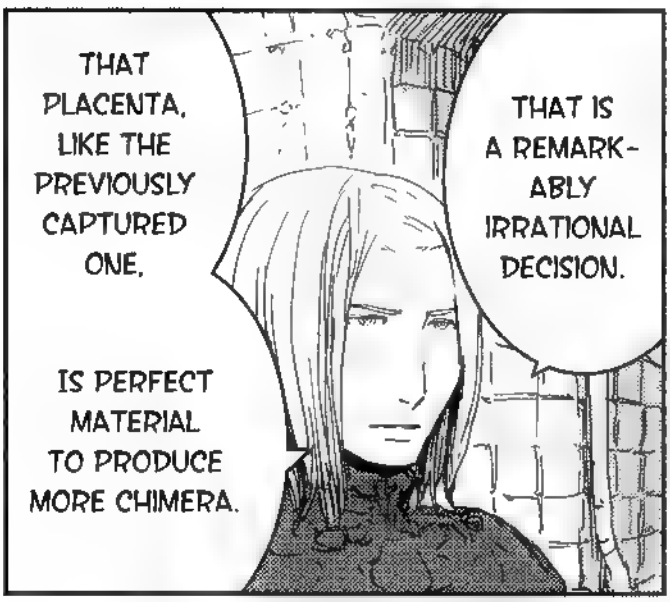

HOSHI-
JIRO....

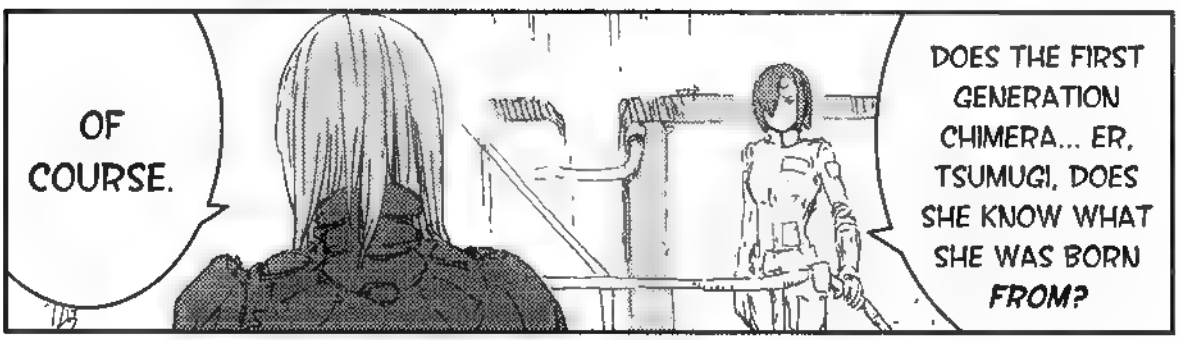




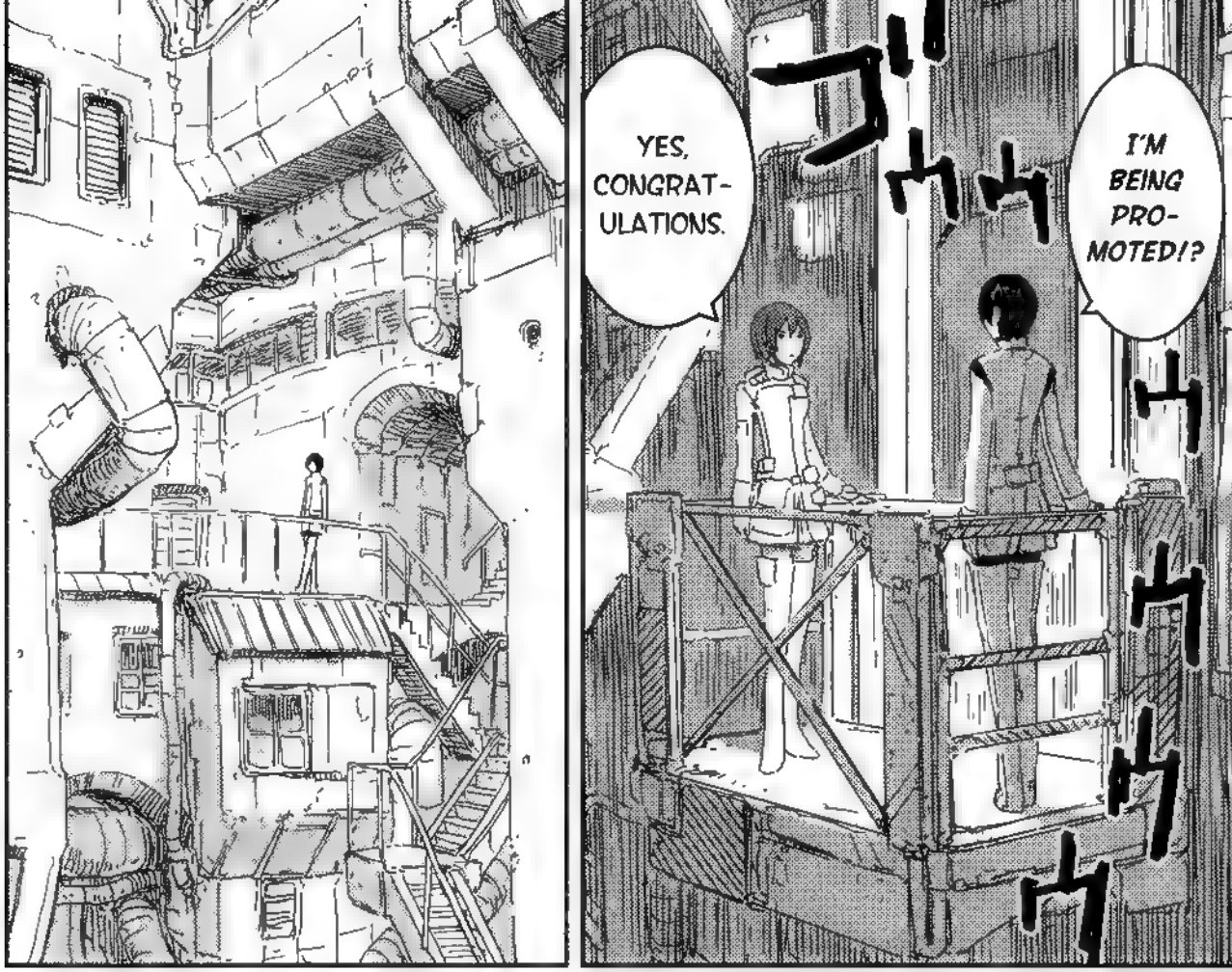


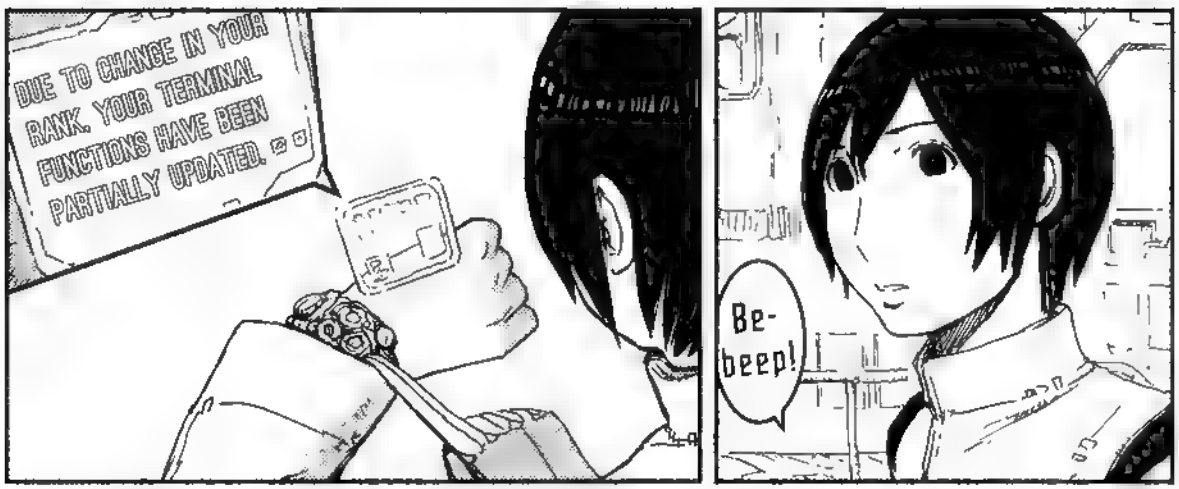

THAT PLACENTA, LIKE THE PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED ONE,
IS PERFECT MATERIAL TO PRODUCE MORE CHIMERA.
THAT IS A REMARK-ABLY IRRATIONAL DECISION.

AFTER-WARDS, THAT PLA-CENTA WILL BE STORED FOR SAFE-KEEPING
I'LL EXAMINE IT. NOTHING MORE.

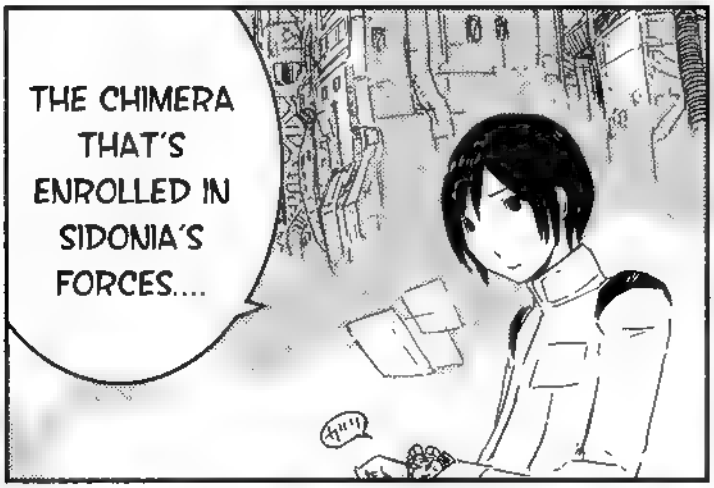

OF COURSE.
DOES THE FIRST GENERATION CHIMERA... ER, TSUMUGI, DOES SHE KNOW WHAT SHE WAS BORN *FROM?*

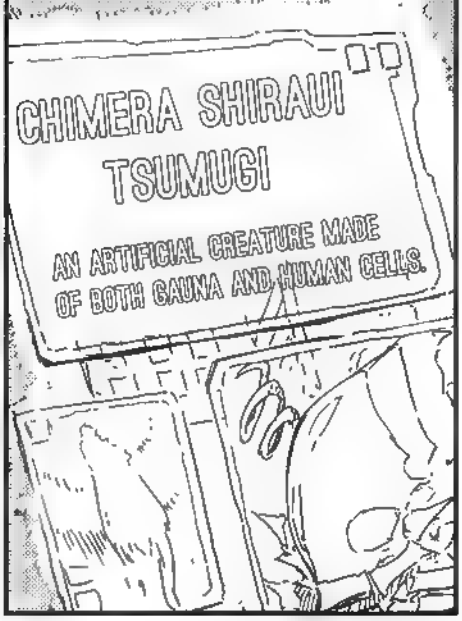
I'M SORRY, KUNATO, BUT I MUST REJECT YOUR PROPOSAL.
STILL CALLING THAT THING A MOTHER? ...IT'S JUST A PLACENTA.
I WONDER. ...WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT MOTHER, HER BODY, BY NOW.
IMPORTANT MATTERS NEED PREPARATION.
IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO ACT AFTER HUMANITY HAS BEEN ERADICATED.
AL-WAYS ....

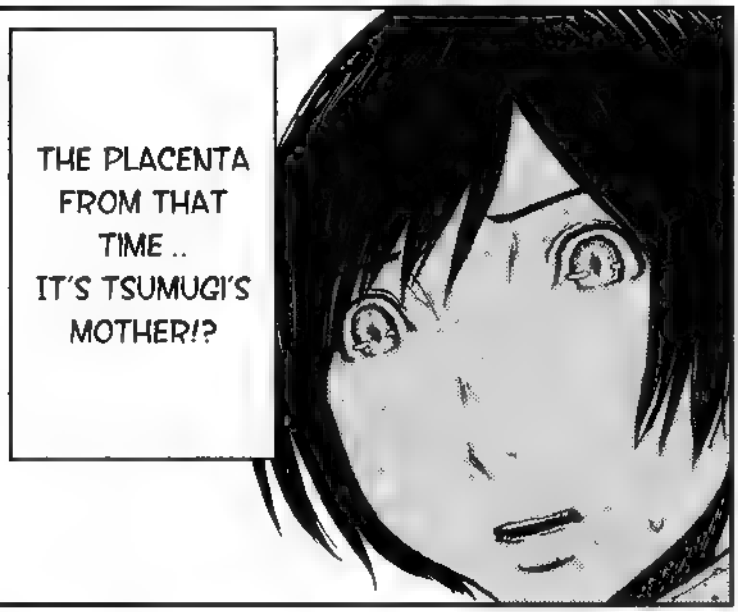

YES, CONGRAT-ULATIONS.
I'M BEING PRO-MOTED!?


DUE TO CHANGE IN YOUR RANK, YOUR TERMINAL FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY UPDATED.
Be-beep!

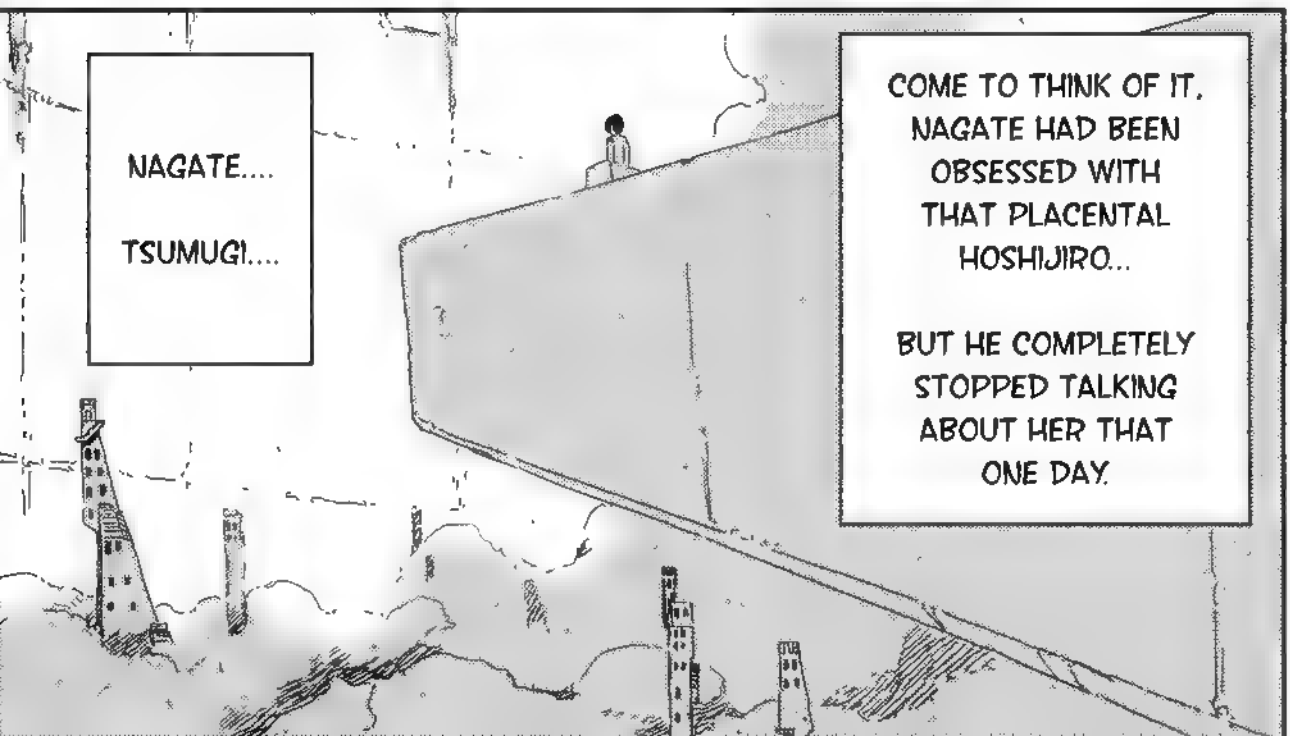
HMM ....


THE CHIMERA THAT'S ENROLLED IN SIDONIA'S FORCES....


CHIMERA SHIRAUI TSUMUGI
AN ARTIFICIAL CREATURE MADE OF BOTH GAUNA AND HUMAN CELLS.


THE PLACENTA FROM THAT TIME .. IT'S TSUMUGI'S MOTHER!?

OF THE OPERATION WHERE HOSHIJIRO SHIZUKA MIMICKING PLACENTA THAT WAS USED AS THE MOTHER BODY WAS CAPTURED.


NAGATE....
TSUMUGI....
COME TO THINK OF IT, NAGATE HAD BEEN OBSESSED WITH THAT PLACENTAL HOSHIJIRO...
BUT HE COMPLETELY STOPPED TALKING ABOUT HER THAT ONE DAY.

GRAVITY
NOODLES
ONE SECOND
TO ADAPT

I'M HOME!
HUH?
NO ONE'S HERE YET?
O-OH!
くん
TANI-KAZE!

SPLASH!
OUCH!!
HOT!!
HOT!!

A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
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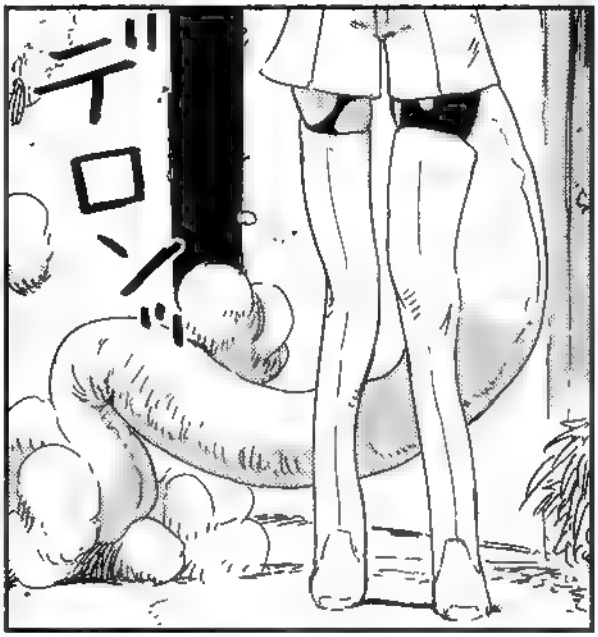
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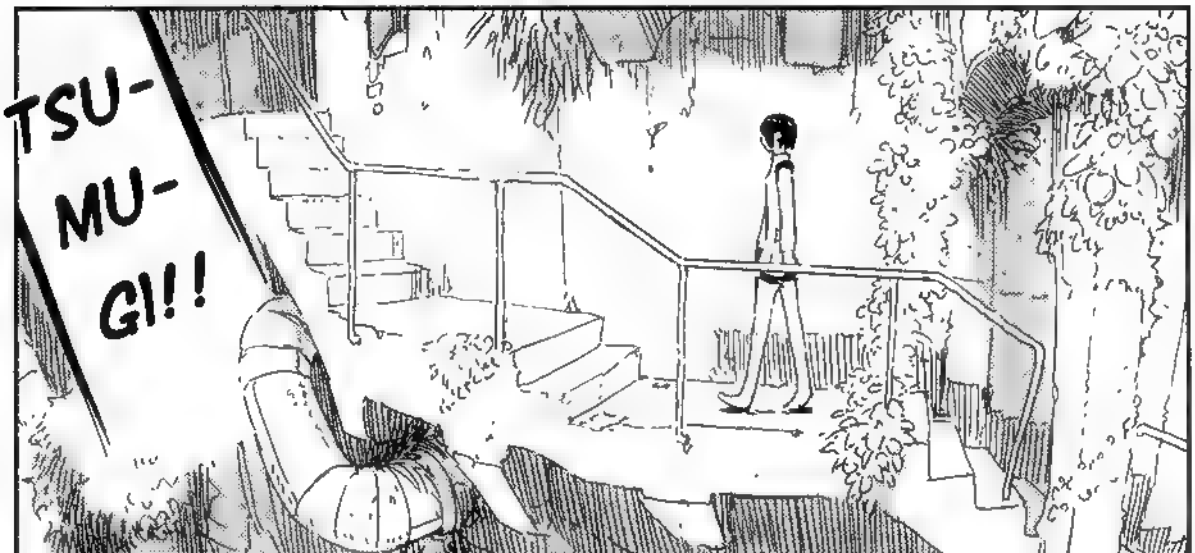
TSU-MU-GI!!

NEVER DO THAT AGAIN!!
バタン!!
!!?
WHAT!?
WHAT HAPP-ENED!?
WHOAAA!!

I'LL GO WITH YOU TO APOLOGIZE, SO DON'T WORRY.
NAGATE WON'T HATE YOU OR ANYTHING....

THERE, THERE, DON'T CRY.

IZANA, I'M SORRY FOR TAKING YOUR CLOTHES WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION.
IT'S FINE.

DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
YUP.

BUT TSUMUGI...
WHY DID YOU TAKE HOSHIJIRO'S FORM?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THINGS LIKE THAT...

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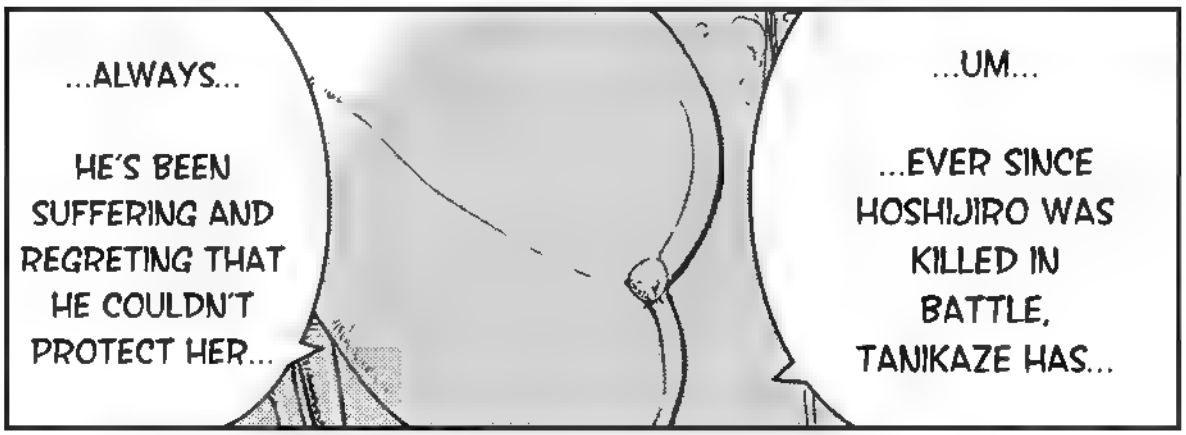
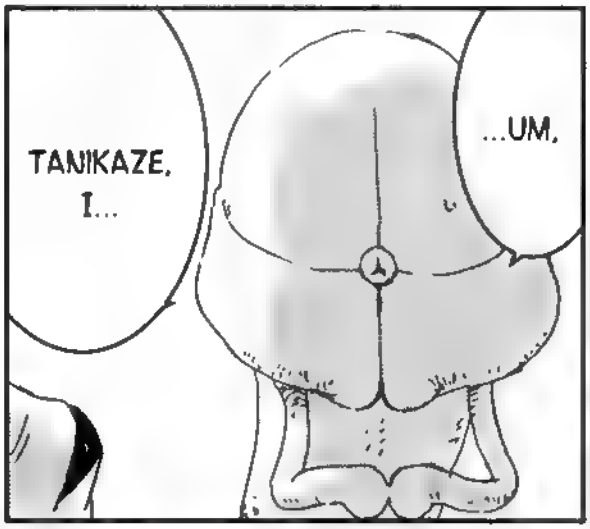

...ALWAYS...
HE'S BEEN SUFFERING AND REGRETING THAT HE COULDN'T PROTECT HER...
...UM...
...EVER SINCE HOSHIJIRO WAS KILLED IN BATTLE, TANIKAZE HAS...

TSU-MUGI....
I THINK FIGHTING BENISUZUME WAS REALLY HARD FOR TANIKAZE.
IT MIGHT RAISE HIS SPIRITS... AND MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER.
I THOUGHT IF I TOOK HOSHIJIRO'S FORM AND TOLD TANI-KAZE THAT IT WASN'T HIS FAULT...

IZANA!

Creak
FIGHTING BENISUZUME MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR TSUMUGI TOO, FOR THE SAME REASONS.

NAGATE?



I'M SORRY FOR SHOUTING BACK THERE.
B-BY THE WAY, I FOUND AN UNMANNED STAND NOT FAR FROM HERE. IT LOOKS LIKE TSUMUGI CAN REACH IT. HOW ABOUT WE ALL GO THERE?
YES!
SURE, I HAVEN'T EATEN ANY-THING ALL WEEK

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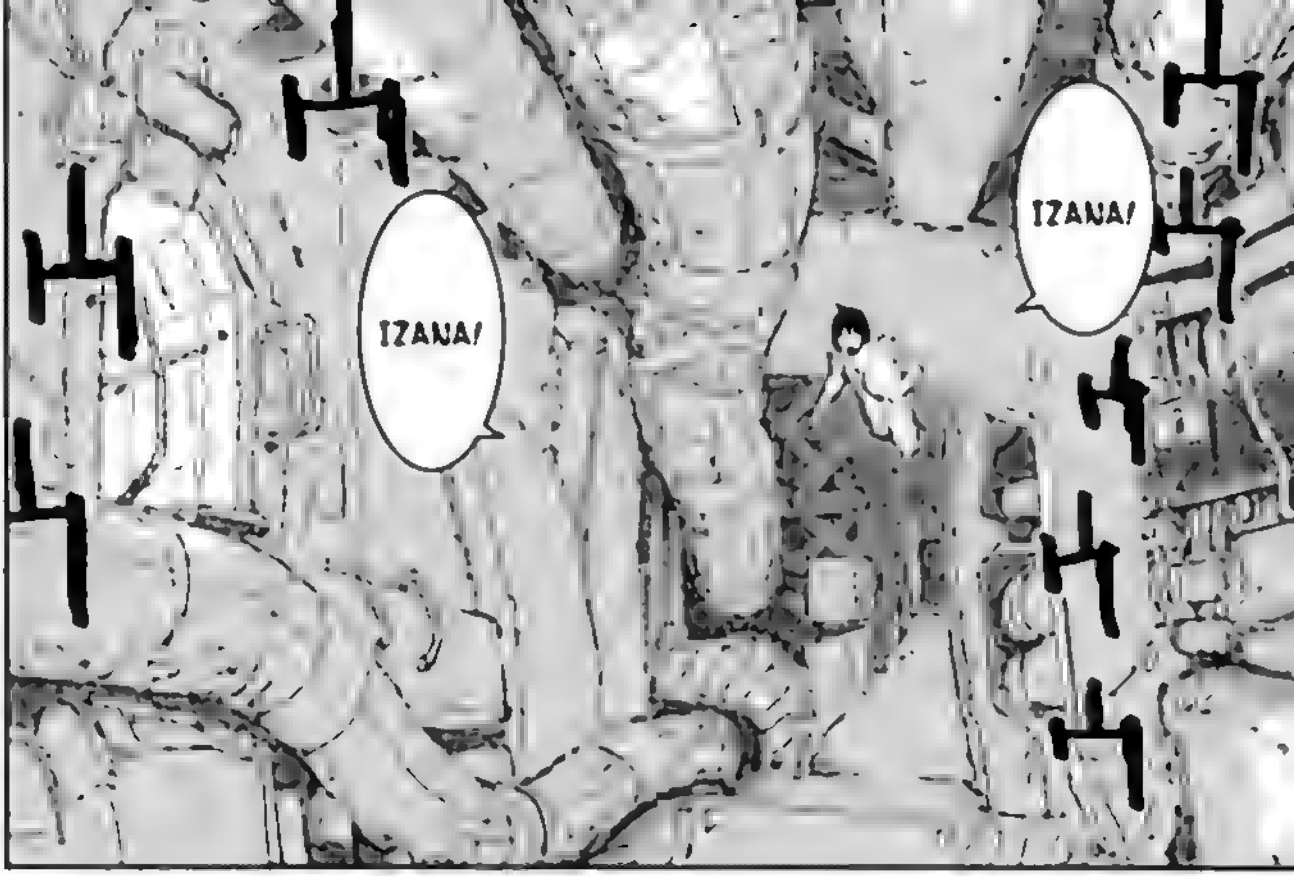
IZANA!
IZANA!

MY SUIT'S BROKEN..
IT WON'T LET ME WEAR IT, NO MATTER WHAT
Beep
Beep
YOU'RE STILL HERE? WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO STANDBY ON ALERT STATUS!
YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING MY CALLS. WHAT'S WRONG?
IZANA!

PHYSICAL PARAMETER CHANGES BEYOND ALLOWED TOLERANCE HAVE OCCURRED. PROBABLY NEW USER DETECTED. TO PREVENT POSSIBLE BREAKAGE AND DAMAGE TO INNER LINING, FITTING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
Bee-beep!
NO WAY!
HUH!?

IT'S OKAY! I'LL DO IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. DON'T WAIT FOR ME!!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME! LET ME TAKE A LOOK!
"IR-REGULAR REPAIRS"? YOU DO THAT BY YOUR-SELF?
衣類放置厳禁。
TRACES OF MULTIPLE IRREGULAR REPAIRS DETECTED. FITTING IS NOT ALLOWED.
BUZZ
THIS IS MY SUIT. I'M TELLING YOU!
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FF-F-F-F-IT-TT-T-TING.
Beep!
Beep!
I'LL JUST HACK YOU!
YOU ASKED FOR THIS!
STOP-ROTATE THE SHIP ABOUT!
PING! RETRO-FIRE!
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OW. OW. OUCH!?
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EMERGENCY SUIT EXPULSION IMMINENT.
EEH !!?
INTERNAL MEMBRANE HAS RUPTURED
IZANA, GRAB THE RAIL-ING!
IT HURTS! IT HURTS!
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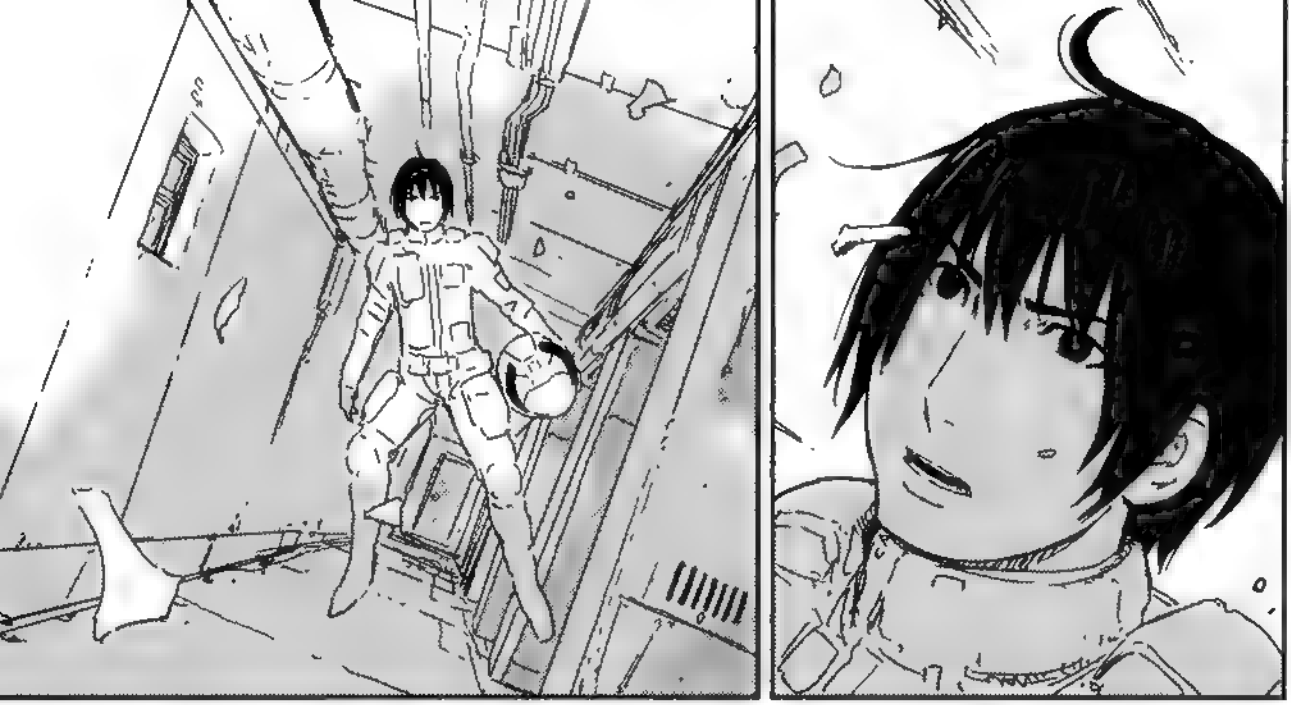
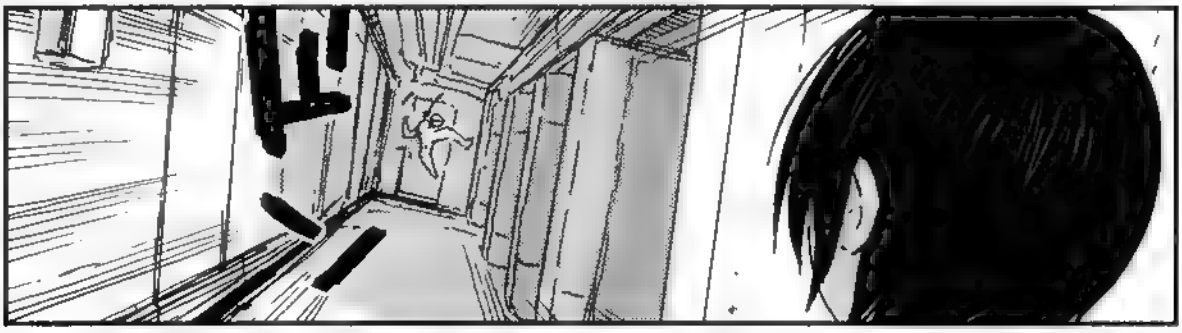
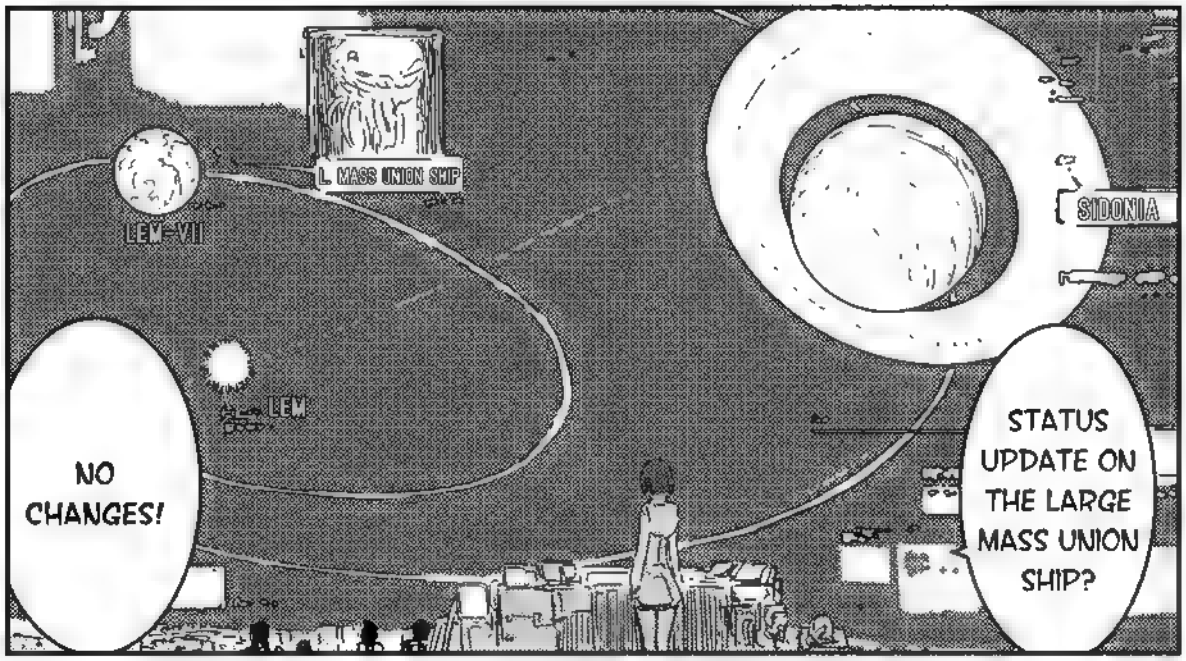
UWAAAAH!!

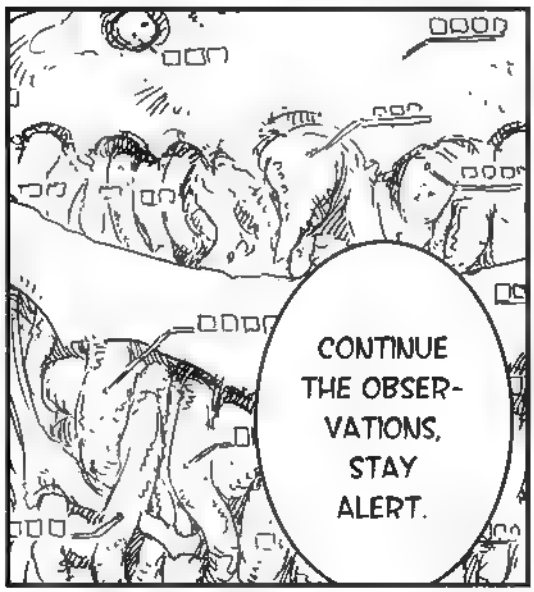




NAGATE!!

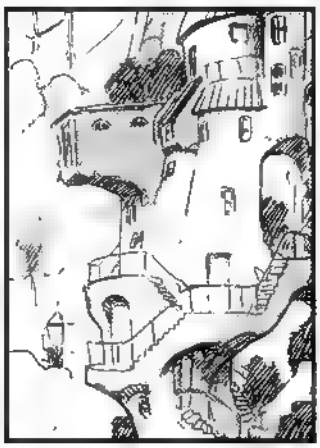
TRANSFER SUCCESFUL, ORBIT ABOVE LEM-IX ACHIEVED!

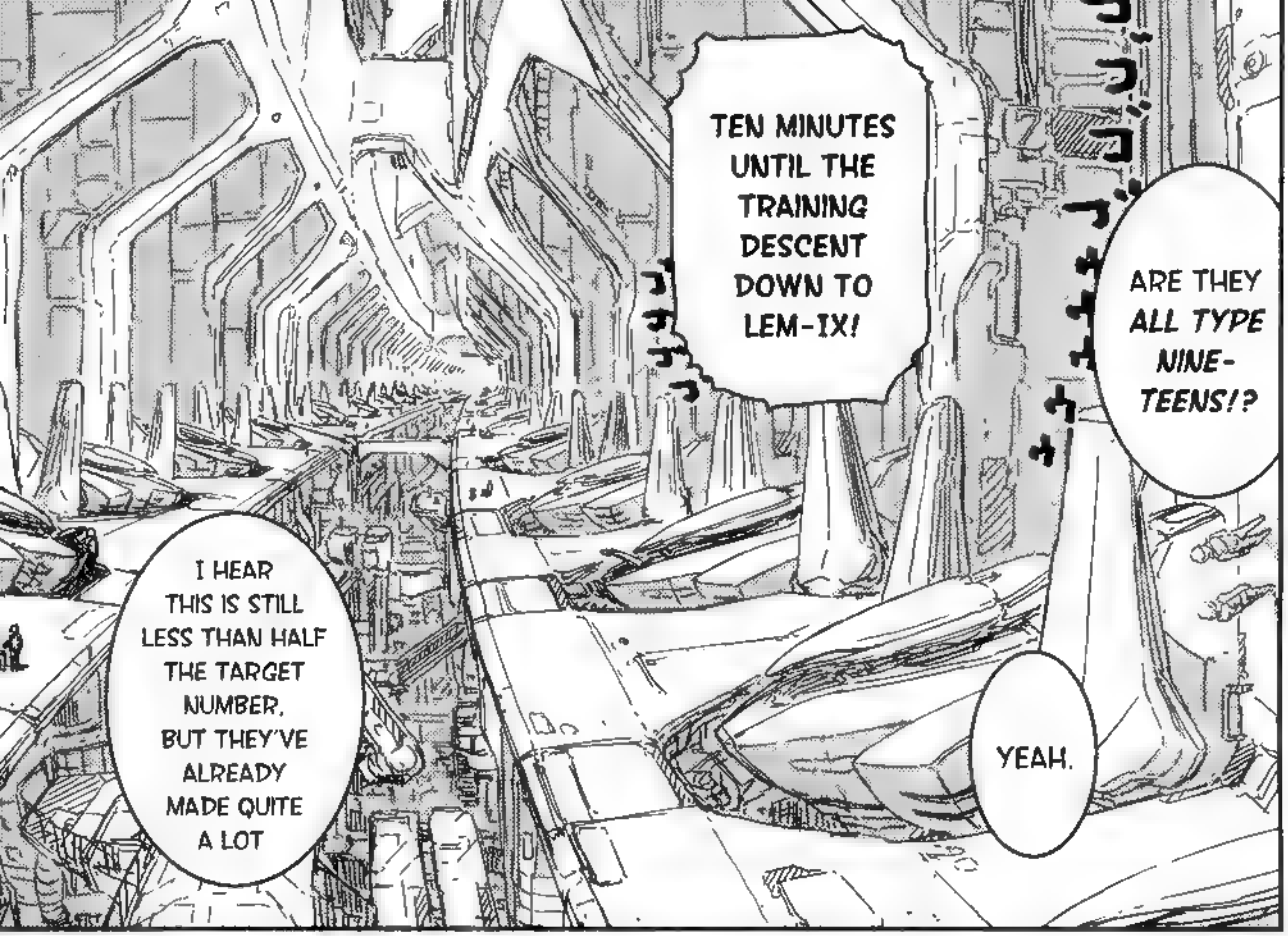

L MASS UNION SHIP
LEM-VII
LEM
SIDONIA
NO CHANGES!
STATUS UPDATE ON THE LARGE MASS UNION SHIP?

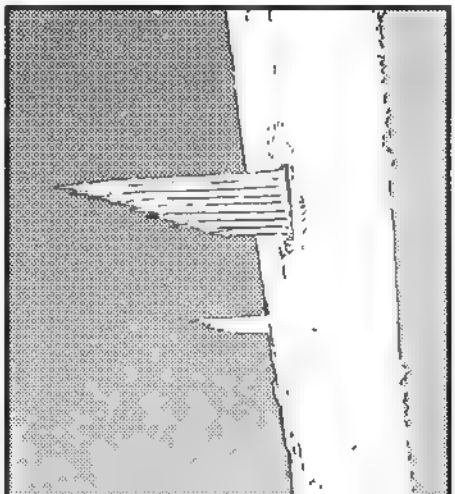

CONTINUE THE OBSER-VATIONS, STAY ALERT.

IF BENISUZUME WAS STILL ALIVE, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED THIS PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK.

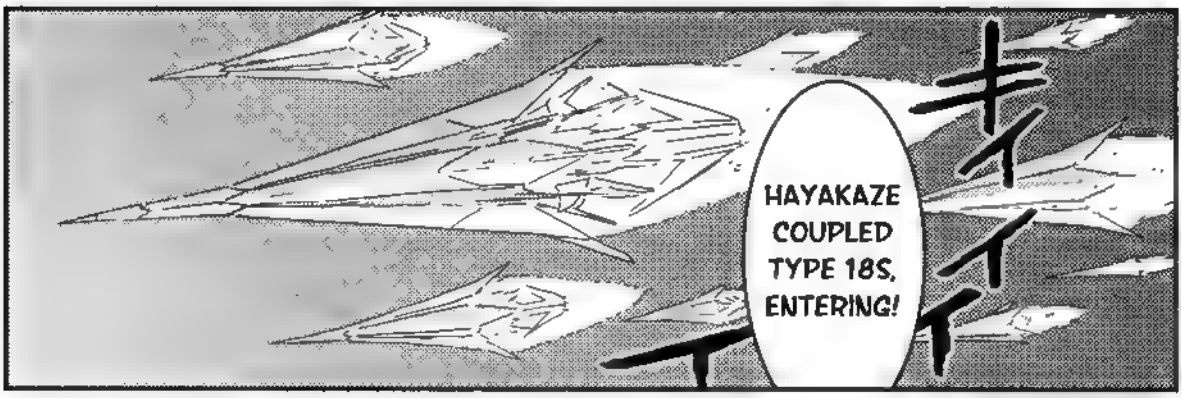
AH, IT'S NOTHING. I FELL, BUT IT'LL HEAL SOON, SO DON'T WORRY
.....
TANIKAZE, WHY ARE YOU WEAR-ING A NECK BRACE?



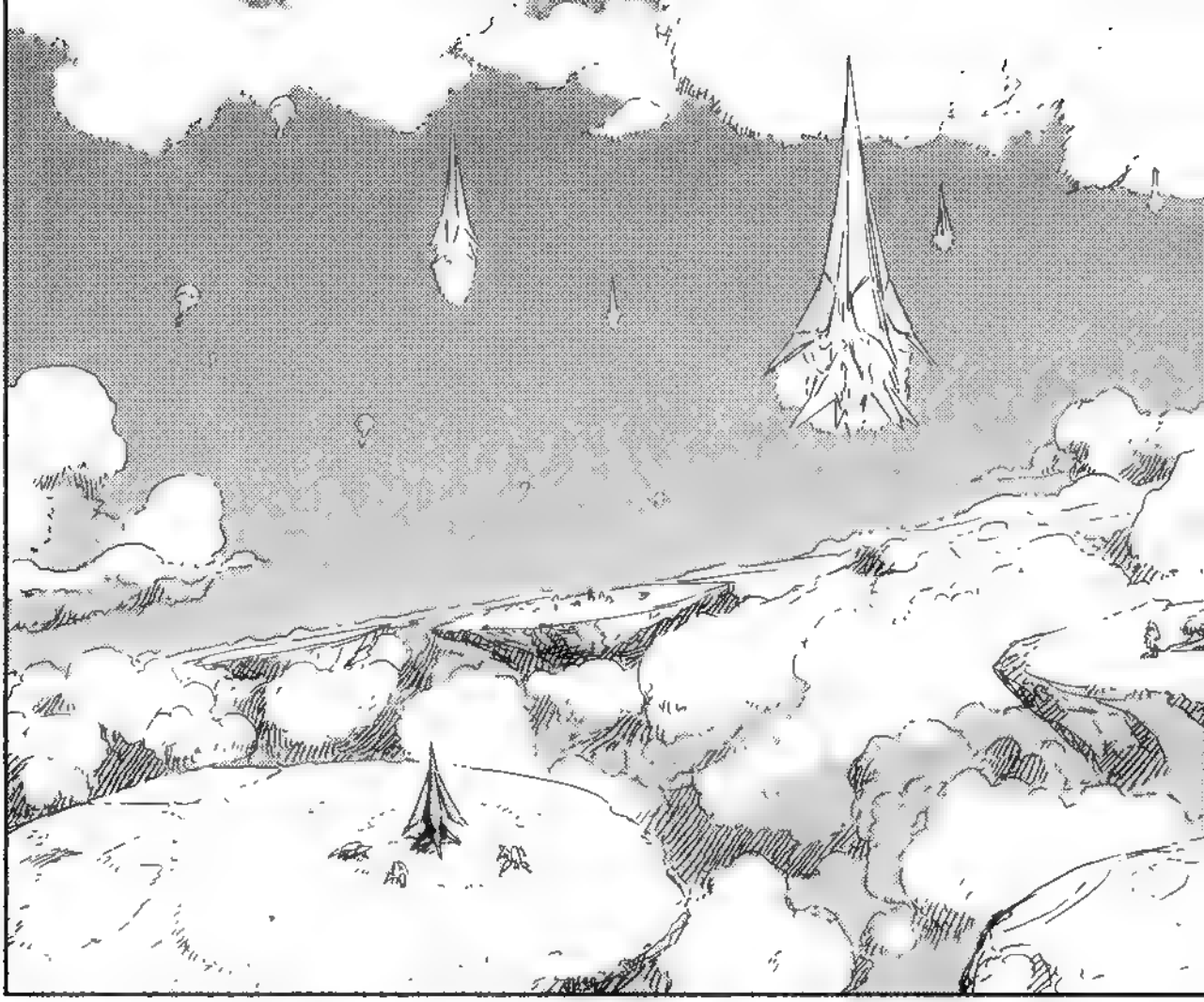

TEN MINUTES UNTIL THE TRAINING DESCENT DOWN TO LEM-IX!
ARE THEY *ALL TYPE NINE-TEENS!?*
I HEAR THIS IS STILL LESS THAN HALF THE TARGET NUMBER, BUT THEY'VE ALREADY MADE QUITE A LOT
YEAH.



TYPE 19S, ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE!
NO CLASP FORMATION!
WILCO!

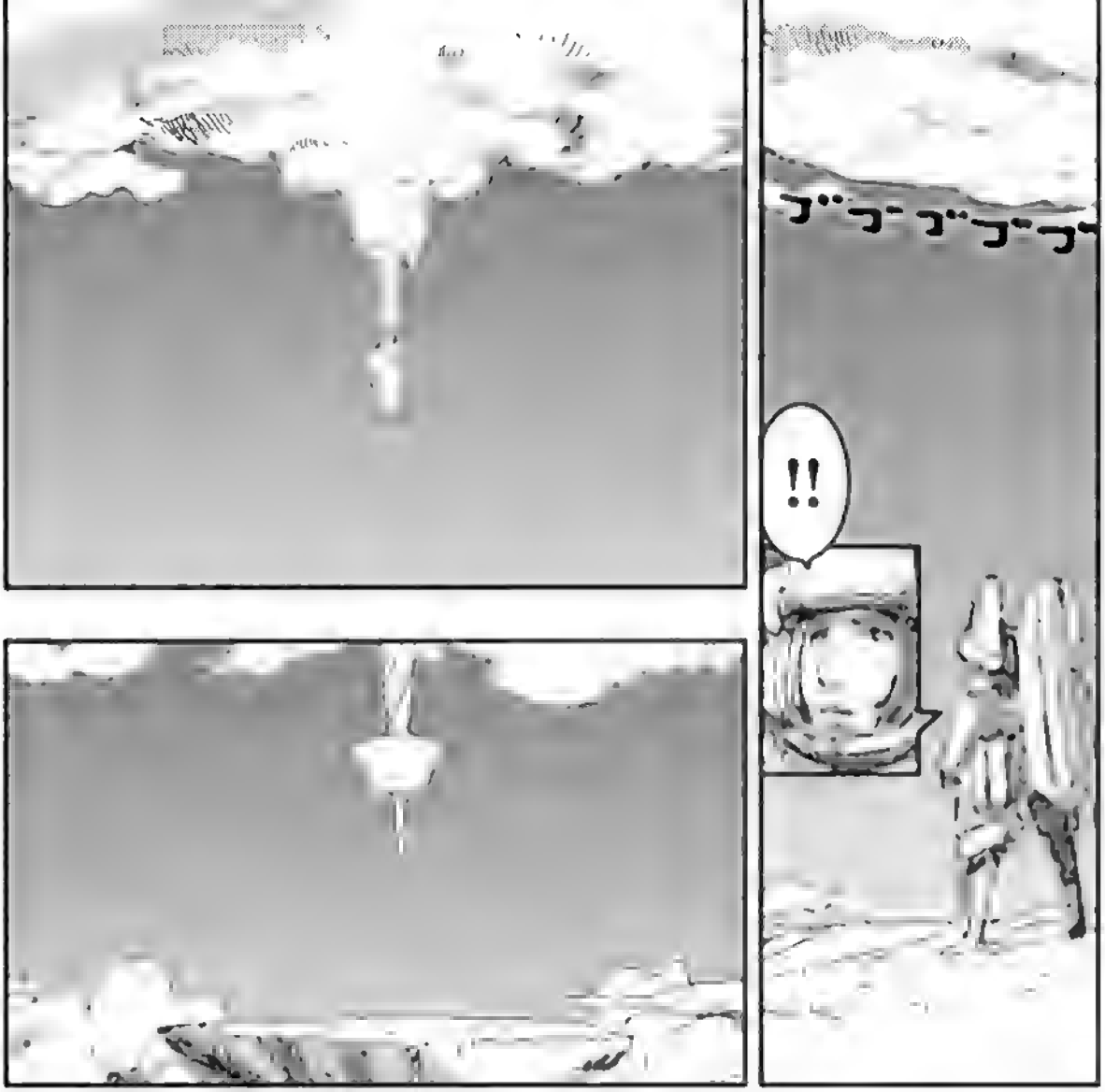

HAYAKAZE COUPLED TYPE 18S, ENTERING!

I'M FALLING!
KEEP FOOLING AROUND AND I'LL SHOOT YOU MYSELF.



EVEN IN THE LIGHTER TYPE-19, IT'S STILL DIFFICULT TO WALK AND MANEUVER ABOUT
MM
I SURE AS HELL DON'T WANNA END UP IN A BATTLE AT THE BOTTOM OF A GRAVITY WELL.

HEY! NO STANDING UP IN TYPE-18S!
OW!
THUNK
SO THIS IS PLANETARY GRAVITY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WHAT THE-
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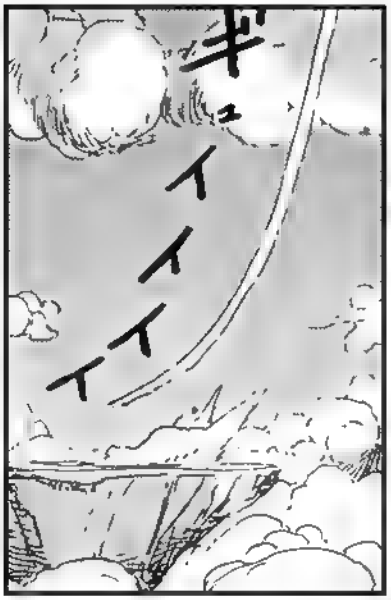
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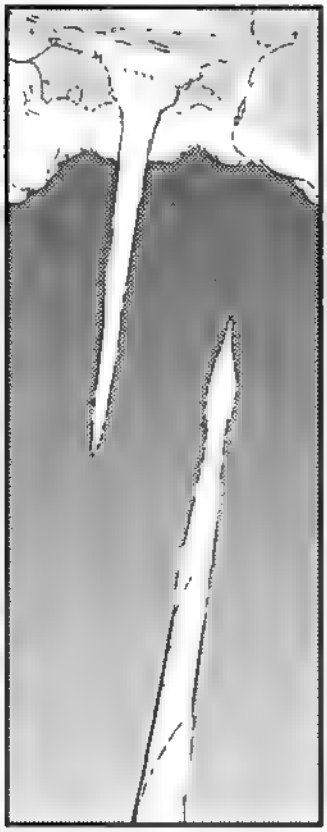

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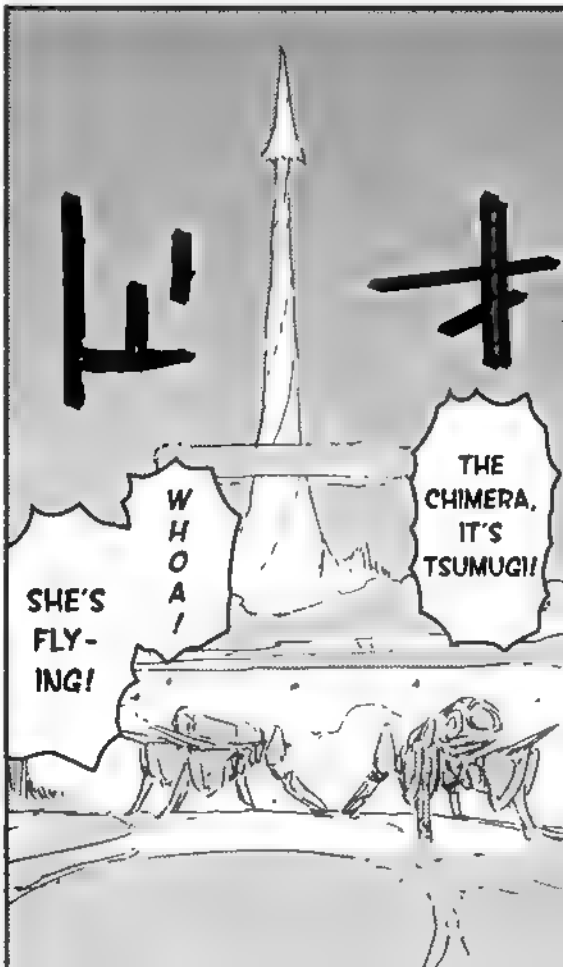
THE CHIMERA, IT'S TSUMUGI!
WHOA!
SHE'S FLY-ING!

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NO... THIS IS HARDLY A FAIR MATCH...

I WON, TANIKAZE!
YIPEE!

.....
WITH THOSE TWO AROUND...
SHOULD WE EVEN BOTHER?

BUT I DO FEEL IT A LITTLE.
TSUMUGI, YOU'RE FLYING AS IF THERE WAS NO GRAVITY.

Ding-
Dong!

HELLO.
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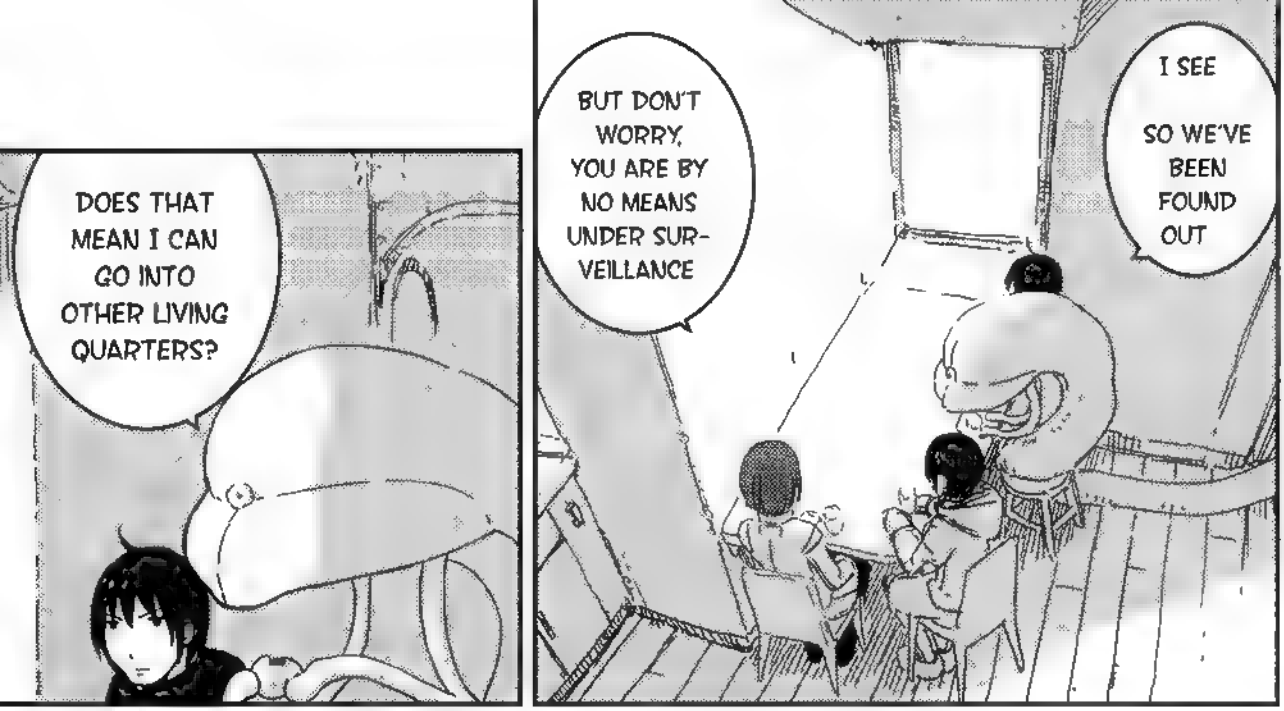
W-WE'VE GOT TO HIDE TSUMUGI!!
IT'S YUHATA.
WHAT DO WE DO?

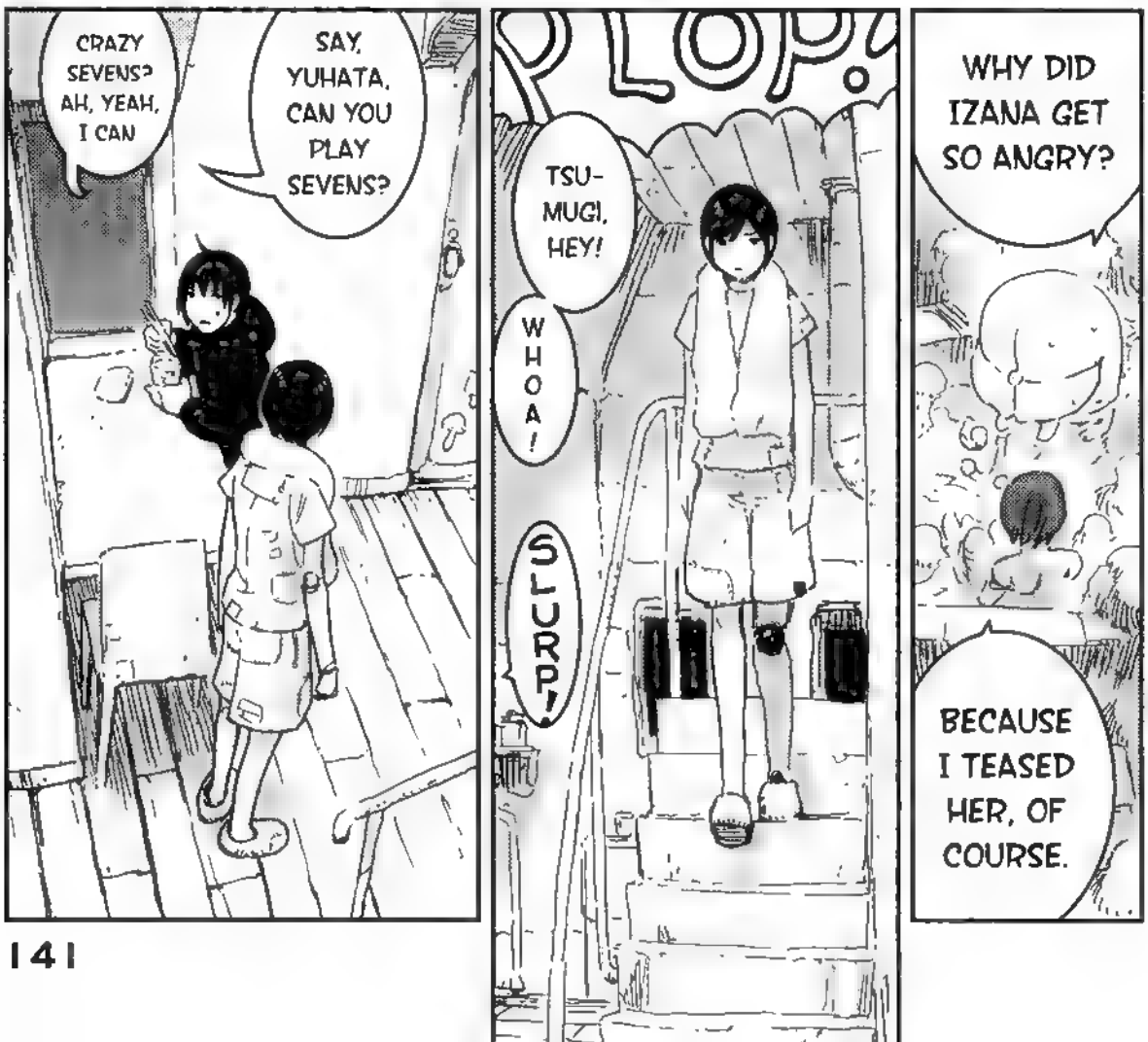

DOES THAT MEAN I CAN GO INTO OTHER LIVING QUARTERS?
BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU ARE BY NO MEANS UNDER SURVEILLANCE
I SEE
SO WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT

YUHATA, THANK YOU.
I BEG YOUR PARDON.
I SEE, I ASKED FOR TOO MUCH.
HOWEVER, YOU CAN STILL STAY HERE IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING TOO CONSPICUOUS.
I'M SORRY, TSUMUGI, WE CAN'T ALLOW THAT YET.

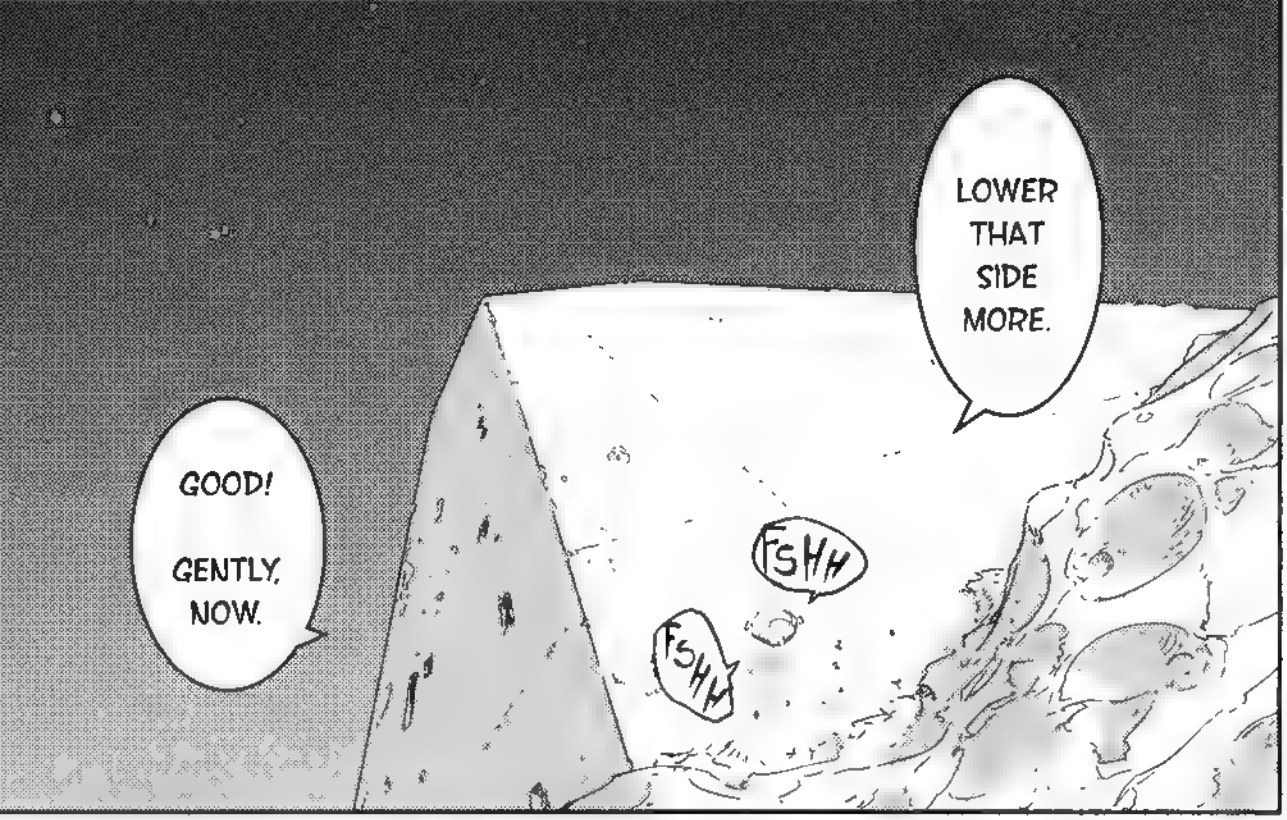
BUT I MIGHT GET CALLED IN AT ANYTIME...
ALSO
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO CONSULT YOU ABOUT
THERE'S AN ELEVATOR RIGHT OVER THERE, IT GOES STRAIGHT TO THE BASE WON'T THAT WORK OUT SOMEHOW?
STAY THE NIGHT, YUHATA.
I HAVEN'T FELT THIS CALM IN A LONG TIME.
THIS PLACE IS NICE

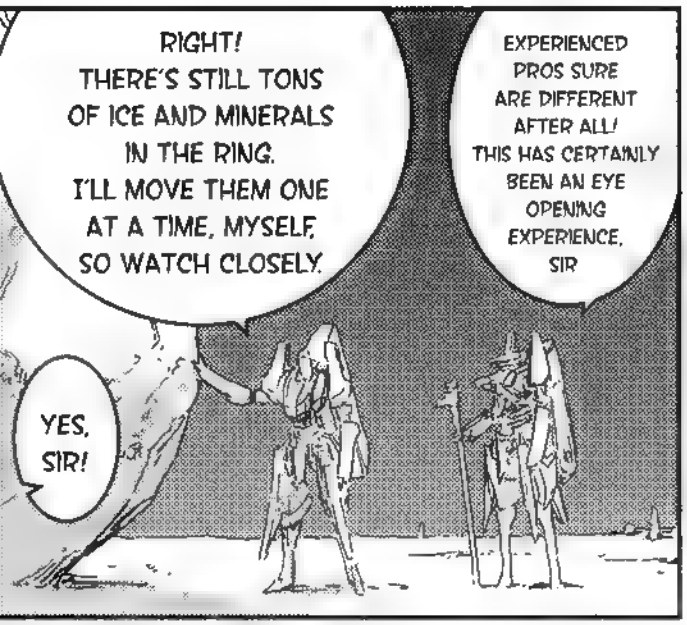
W-WHAT IS THAT!?
THEY'RE BIGGER THAN MINE...
NOT SO LOUD, YUHATA!
IZANA!!
I-IT'S NOT LIKE I MEANT TO CHOOSE THIS...
I SEE SO YOU DECIDED TO GO THAT WAY, ..EH?
.....
!
DON'T INTERSEX PEOPLE CHANGE DEPENDING ON THEIR PARTNER?

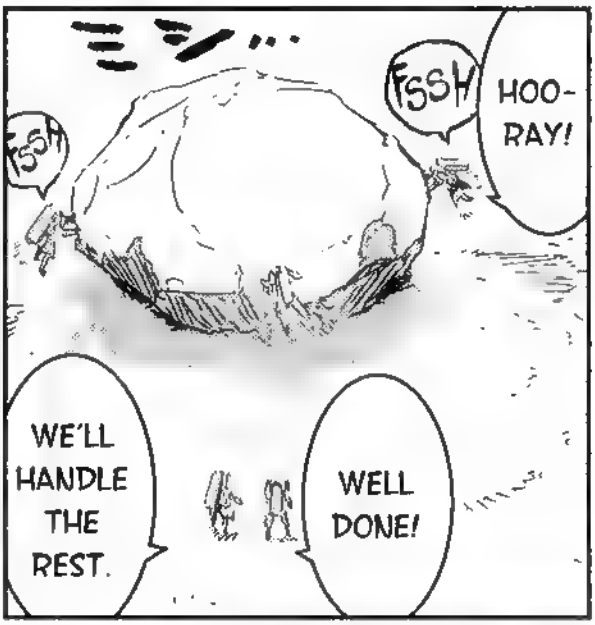
IZANA, DOES CHANGING INTO A FEMALE MEAN THAT YOU'VE FOUND A MALE PARTNER?
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TSUMUGI!
THERE ARE MANY, MANY OTHER REASONS THAT MIGHT CAUSE A SEX CHANGE!
I'M DONE HERE!


WHY DID IZANA GET SO ANGRY?
BECAUSE I TEASED HER, OF COURSE.
PLOP!
TSU-MUGI, HEY!
WHOA!
SLURP!
SAY, YUHATA, CAN YOU PLAY SEVENS?
CRAZY SEVENS? AH, YEAH, I CAN

WHAT!?
I HAVE A MUSHROOM CARD DECK! TEE-HEE.
OKAY!
AFTER OUR BATH, WE SHOULD ALL PLAY IT TOGETHER!
WHOA!
I-I WON'T PLAY CARDS WITH YOU, NAGATE!
HOT !!
HOT !!


LOWER THAT SIDE MORE.
GOOD! GENTLY, NOW.
FSHH
FSHH


RIGHT! THERE'S STILL TONS OF ICE AND MINERALS IN THE RING. I'LL MOVE THEM ONE AT A TIME, MYSELF, SO WATCH CLOSELY.
EXPERIENCED PROS SURE ARE DIFFERENT AFTER ALL! THIS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN AN EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE, SIR
YES, SIR!

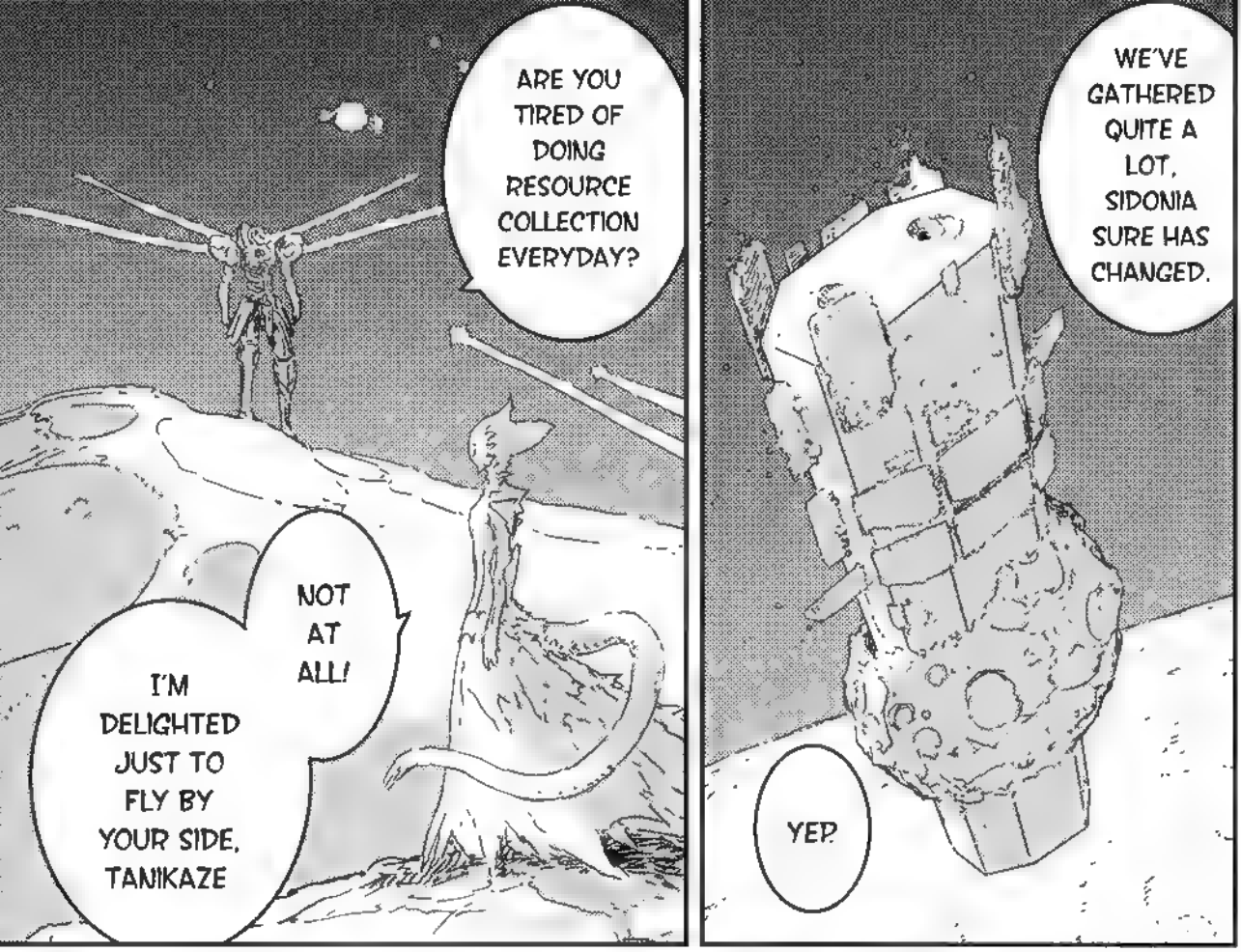

FSSH
FSSH
HOO-RAY!
WE'LL HANDLE THE REST.
WELL DONE!

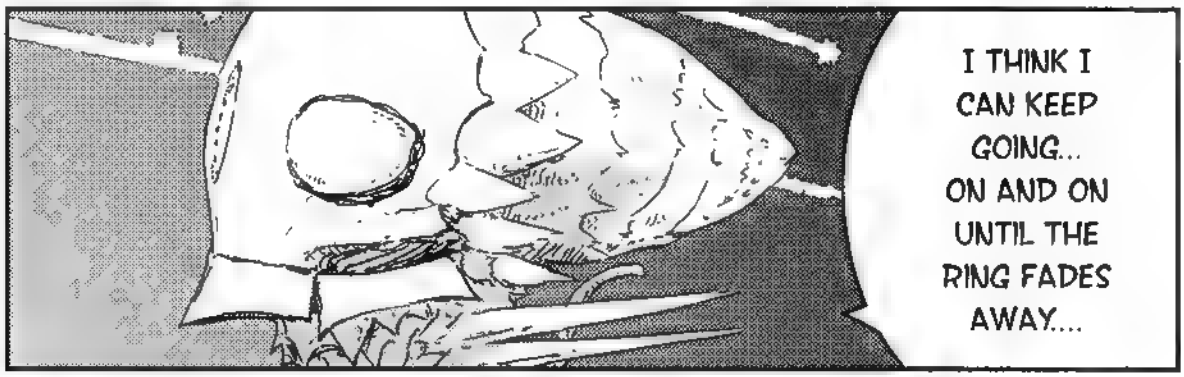
WELL, GUESS I SHOULD SHOW THEM THE ROPES NOW.
HMF. WHAT A RUCKUS THESE ROOKIES ARE RAISING OVER THIS PUNY ROCK

HUUUGE!
WHOA!
AWESOME!

WHERE SHALL WE LAND IT?
YUP, THAT'S TAKAZE AND TSUMIKI FOR YOU
WOOOOW, WOOOW,
!!!

AAAAAAAH!!
TSURUUCHI, WON'T YOU SHOW ME THE ROPES TOO?
GIVE A BREAK

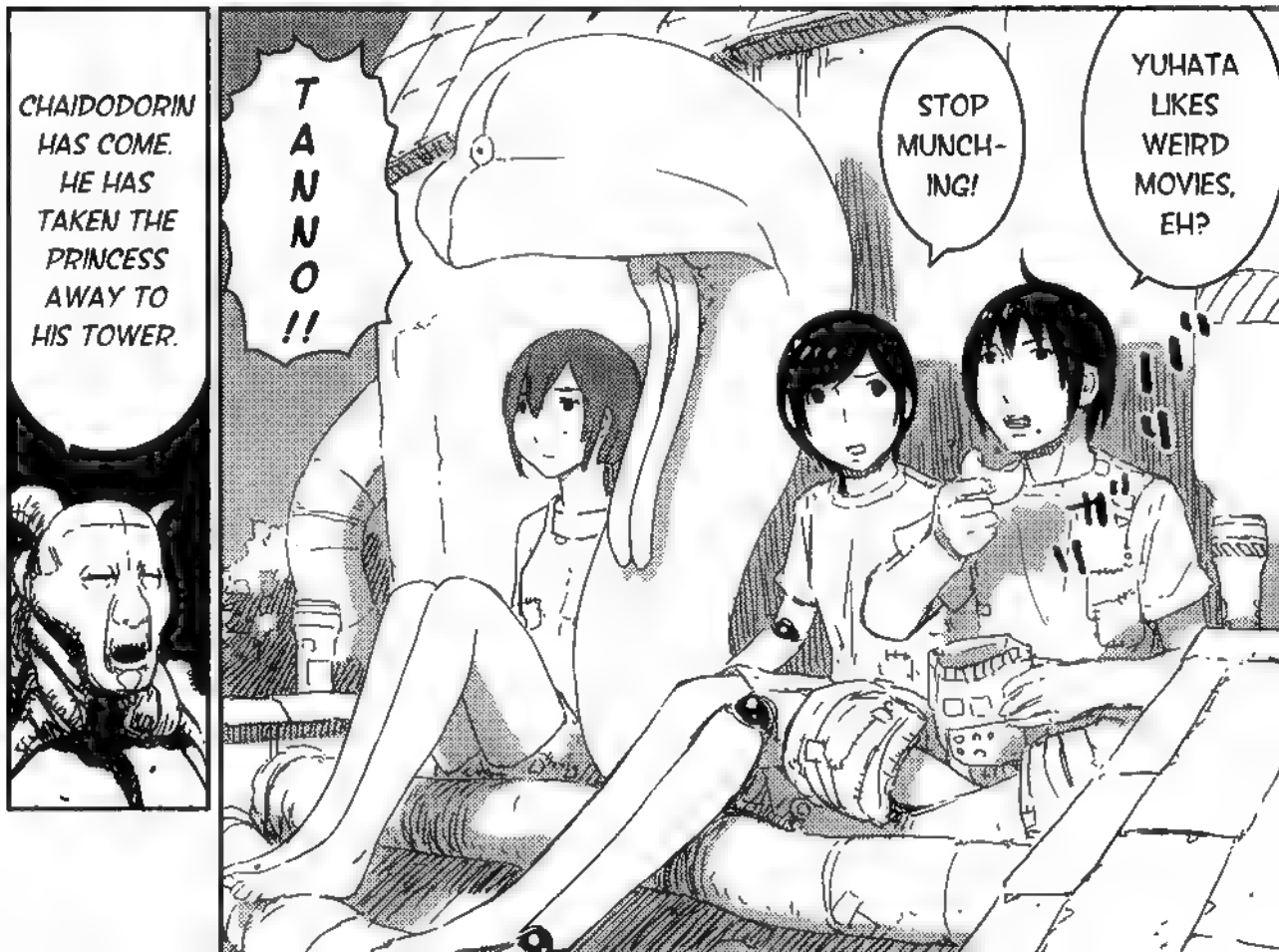

ARE YOU TIRED OF DOING RESOURCE COLLECTION EVERYDAY?
NOT AT ALL!
I'M DELIGHTED JUST TO FLY BY YOUR SIDE, TANIKAZE
WE'VE GATHERED QUITE A LOT, SIDONIA SURE HAS CHANGED.
YEP.


I THINK I CAN KEEP GOING... ON AND ON UNTIL THE RING FADES AWAY....

TANI-KAZE....
ME TOO...

RIGHT NOW, THAT MERCILESS WEAPON PREVENTS OUTSIDERS FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY OF IYAAK
WE DID NOT CREATE THAT LENS OF INSANITY THAT SURROUNDS THIS COUNTRY'S BORDERS.

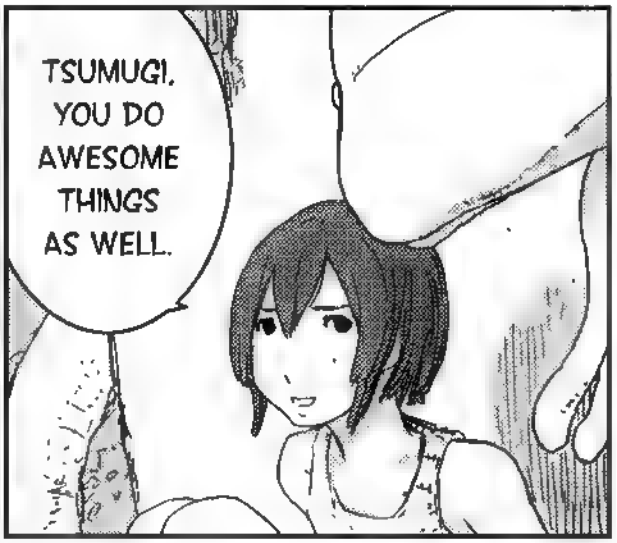
BUT NOW THE SAVIOR HAS COME

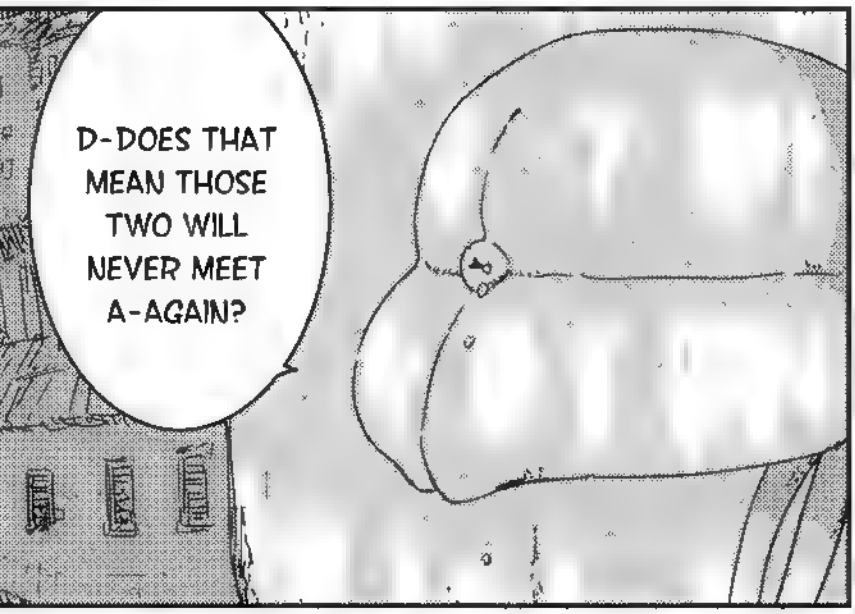

CHAIDODORIN HAS COME. HE HAS TAKEN THE PRINCESS AWAY TO HIS TOWER.
TANNO!!
STOP MUNCH-ING!
YUHATA LIKES WEIRD MOVIES, EH?

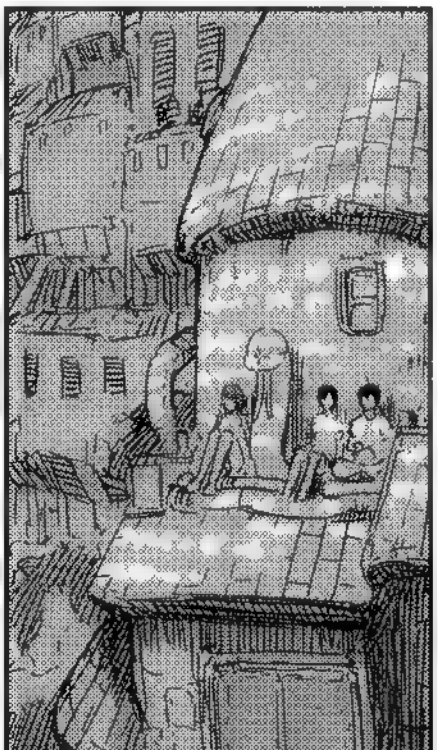
HE WENT THERE ALL ALONE.
TANNO IS SO AWESOME

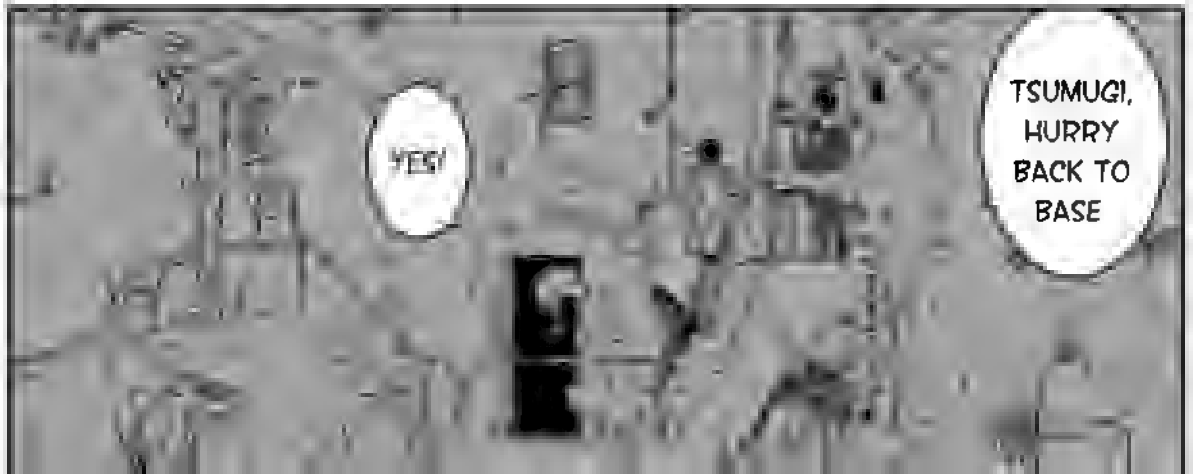
I WILL SAVE ILLUNGOR-NURUKA.
GET DOWN.
THIS SHIELD SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESIST THAT LENS OF INSANITY A LITTLE BIT

TANNO!

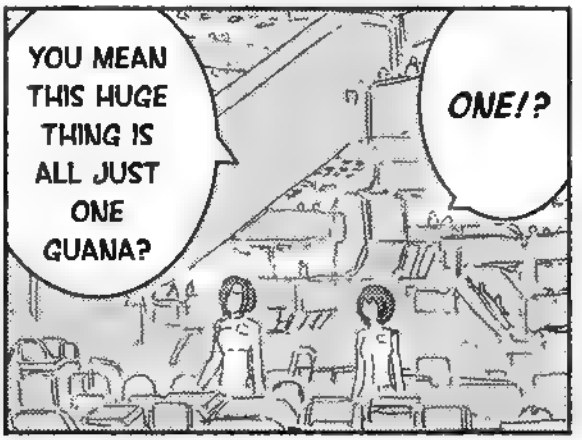

TSUMUGI, YOU DO AWESOME THINGS AS WELL.

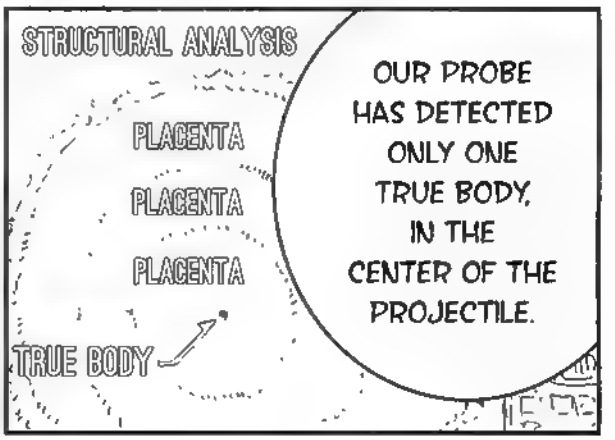

D-DOES THAT MEAN THOSE TWO WILL NEVER MEET A-AGAIN?




YES!
TSUMUGI, HURRY BACK TO BASE

THIS RECORDING SHOWS THE PRECISE MOMENT WHEN THE LARGE MASS UNION SHIP FIRED.
IT'S A SPHERICALLY SHAPED PROJECTILE.
APPROXI-MATELY THREE KILOMETERS IN DIAMETER


YOU MEAN THIS HUGE THING IS ALL JUST ONE GUANA?
ONE!?


STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS
PLACENTA
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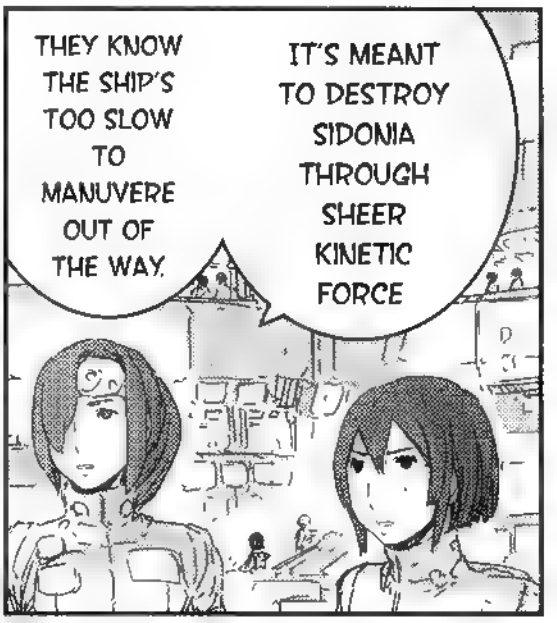
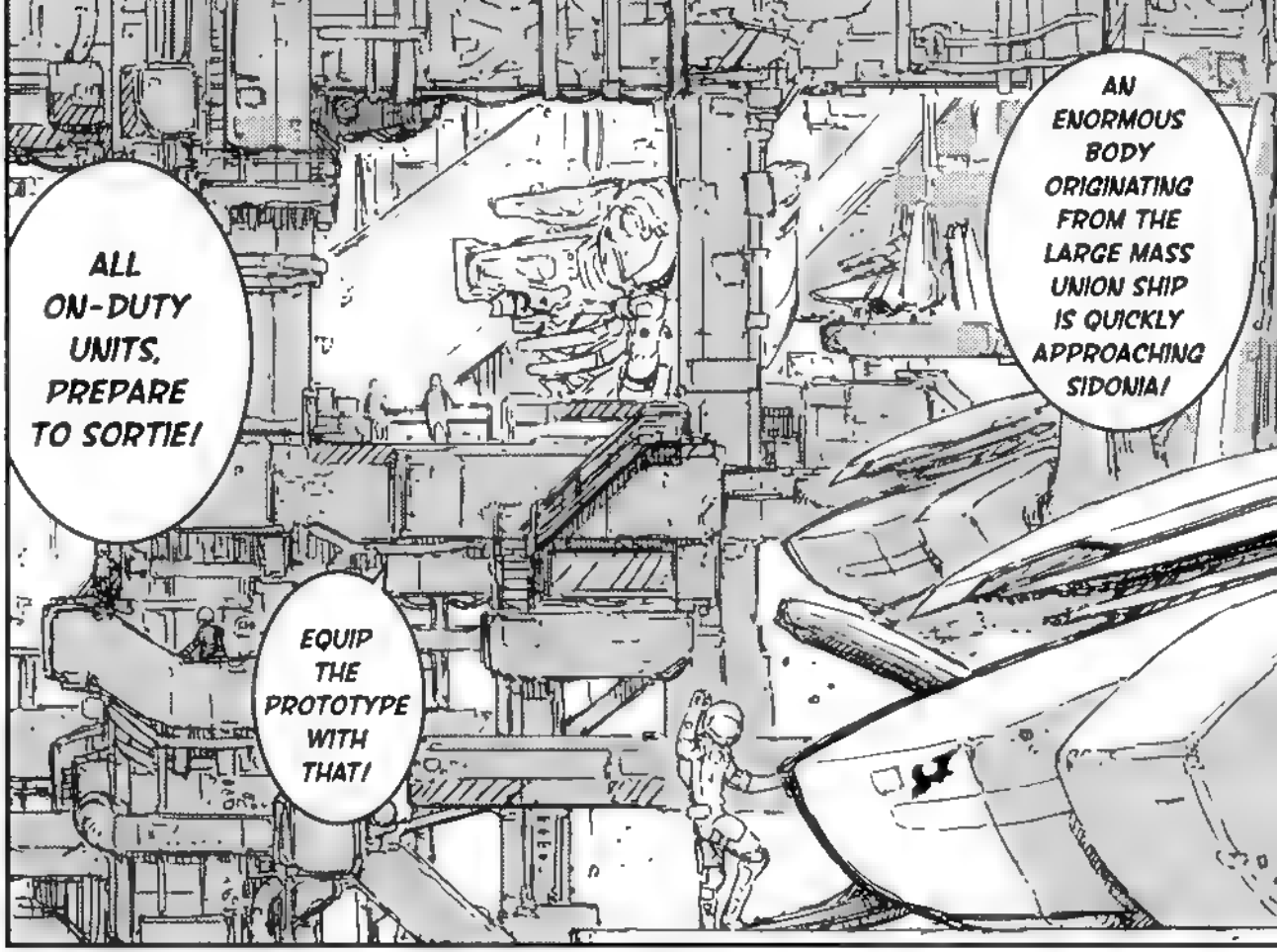
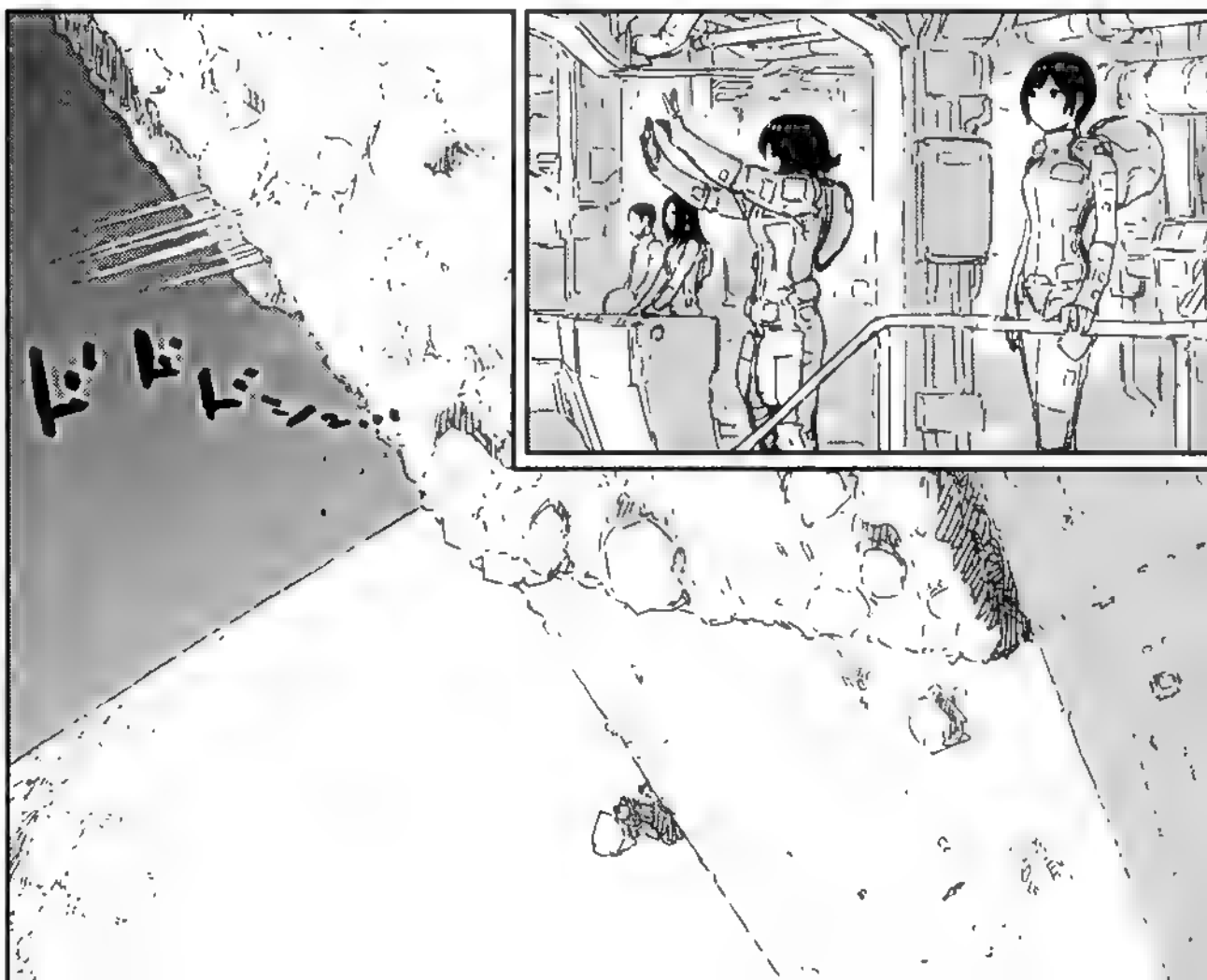
TRUE BODY
OUR PROBE HAS DETECTED ONLY ONE TRUE BODY, IN THE CENTER OF THE PROJECTILE.

OF COURSE, IT'LL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO CHANGE ITS COURSE.
A HIGH-SPEED, LIVING PROJECTILE ..
SIDONIA REALLY CAN'T EVADE IT, CAN SHE?


THEY KNOW THE SHIP'S TOO SLOW TO MANUVERE OUT OF THE WAY.
IT'S MEANT TO DESTROY SIDONIA THROUGH SHEER KINETIC FORCE


ALL ON-DUTY UNITS, PREPARE TO SORTIE!
EQUIP THE PROTOTYPE WITH THAT!
AN ENORMOUS BODY ORIGINATING FROM THE LARGE MASS UNION SHIP IS QUICKLY APPROACHING SIDONIA!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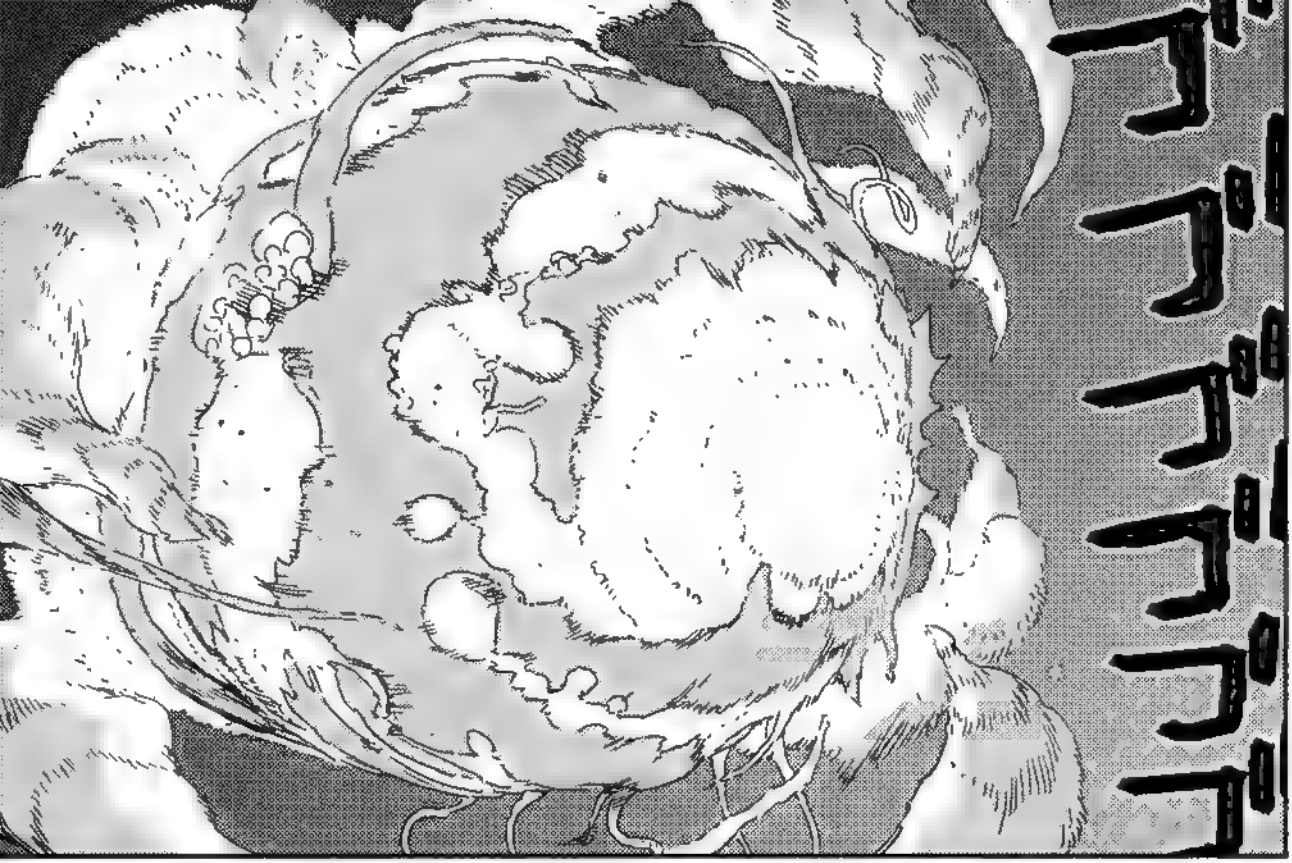
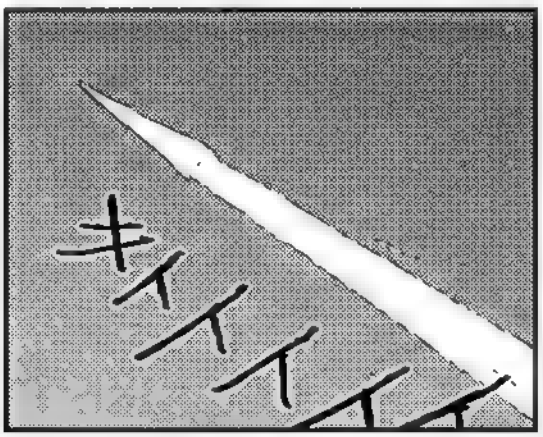
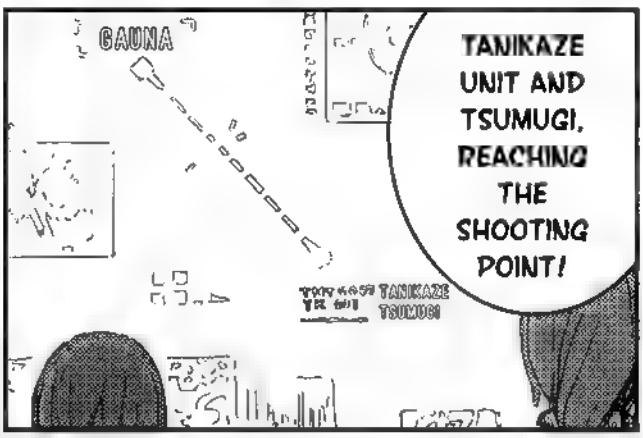
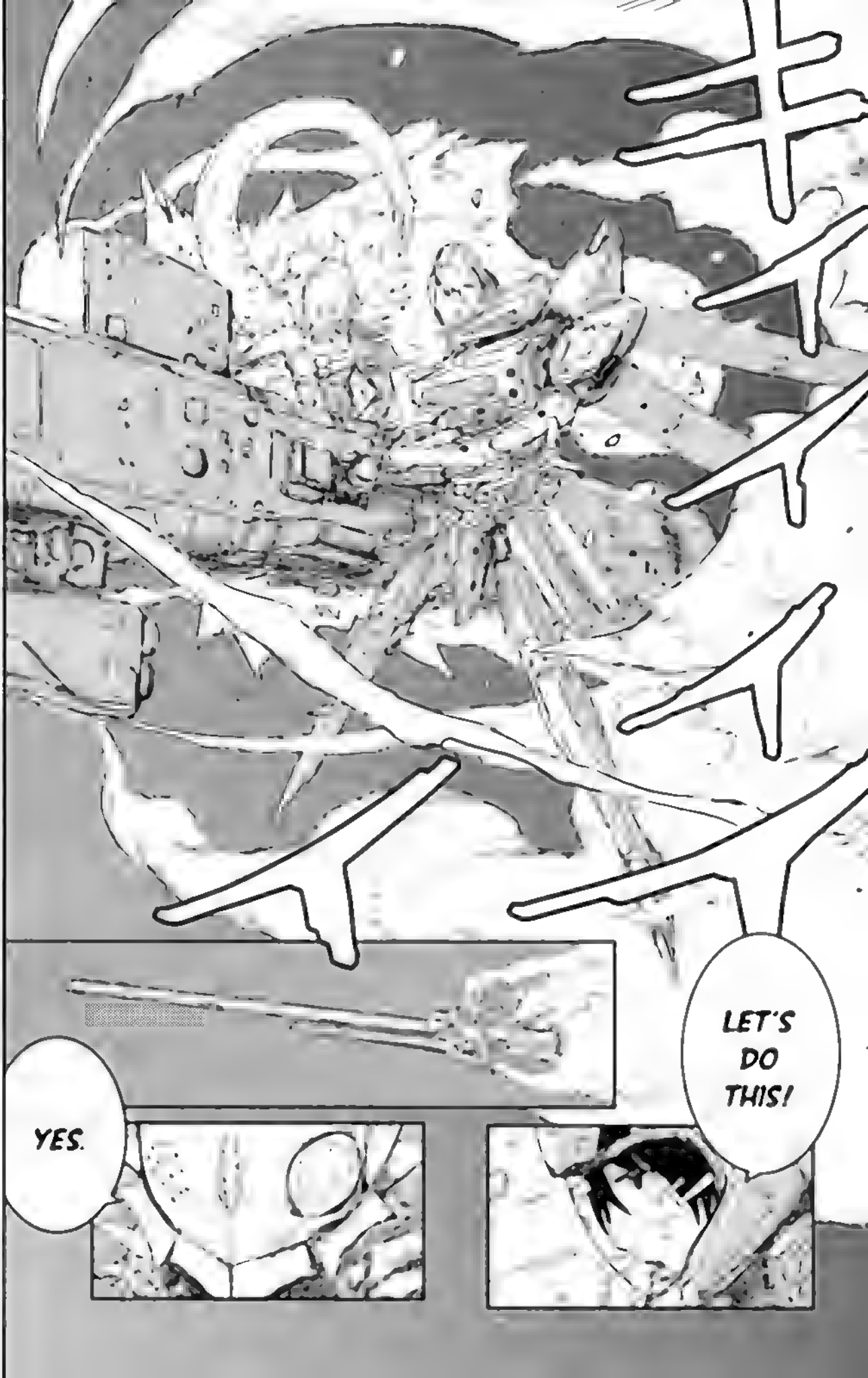





CAUNA
TANIKAZE UNIT AND TSUMUGI, REACHING THE SHOOTING POINT!
TANIKAZE
TSUMUGI

A MERE THREE KILOMETER LUMP IS NOTHING WHEN IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO DESTROY AN ENTIRE ASTEROID
THE MOST POWERFUL KINETIC WEAPON A GUARDIAN CAN WIELD
SASAKI, IT'LL BE ALRIGHT WE CAN DEFINITELY PENETRATE THE TARGET!

WILCO!
LISTEN, BOTH OF YOU, DON'T OVERDO IT! AFTER FIRING, RETREAT AT ONCE!
UNDER-STOOD!



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CHAPTER 43 END

シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

GUARDIAN
4-UNIT CLASP
FORMATION

第44話　緑川縞の決断
CHAPTER 44　MIDORIKAWA YUHATA'S DECISION

シドニア百景　その三十三　無人屋台階
100 SIGHTS OF SIDONIA　PART 33　UNMANNED FOOD STALL LEVEL

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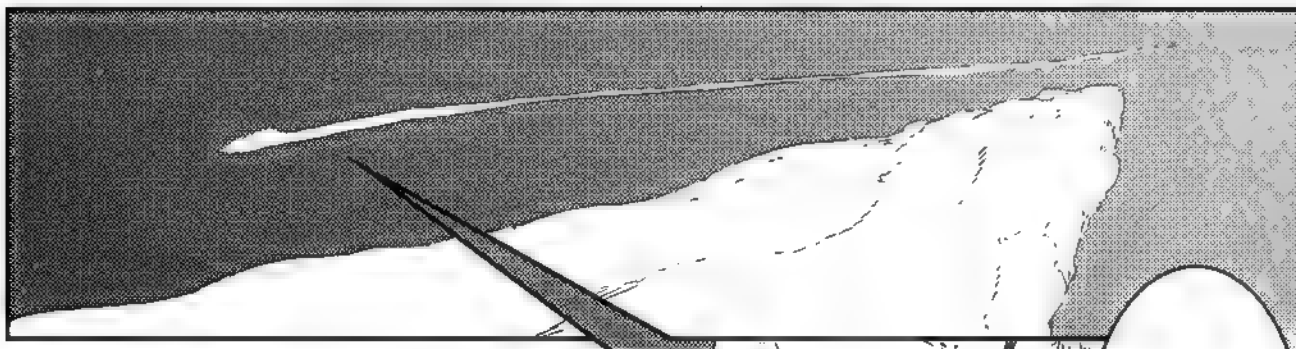
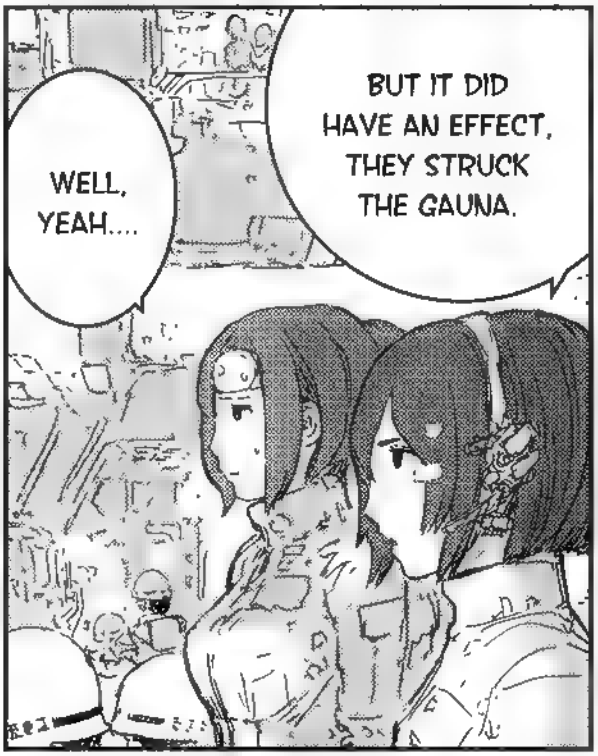
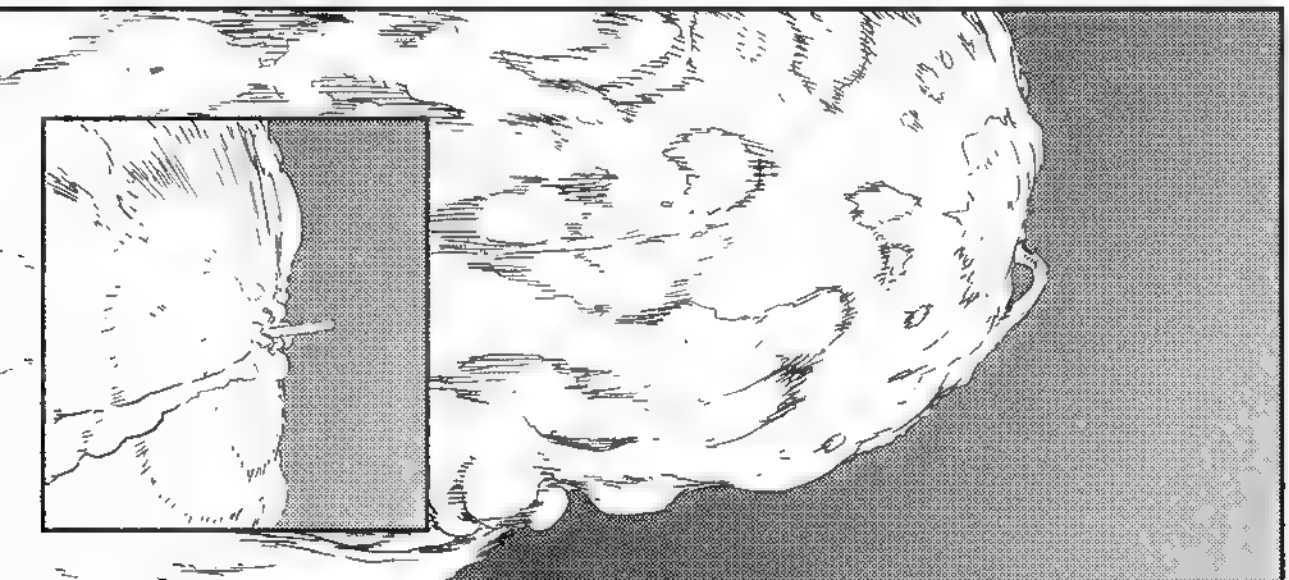


BULLS-EYE!!
IT'S NO GOOD. NO CHANGE IN TRAJECTORY WE DIDN'T PENETRATE THE TRUE BODY
TARGET INCREASING ACCELERATION TOWARDS SIDONIA!
IMPACT IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!!
TANIKAZE AND TSUMUGI HAVE MOVED BEYOND RANGE TO RETURN IN TIME. INTERCEPTION *NOT* POSSIBLE BEFORE COLLISION!

LET'S HEAD BACK, AS FAST AS WE CAN. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO.
TANI-KAZE....

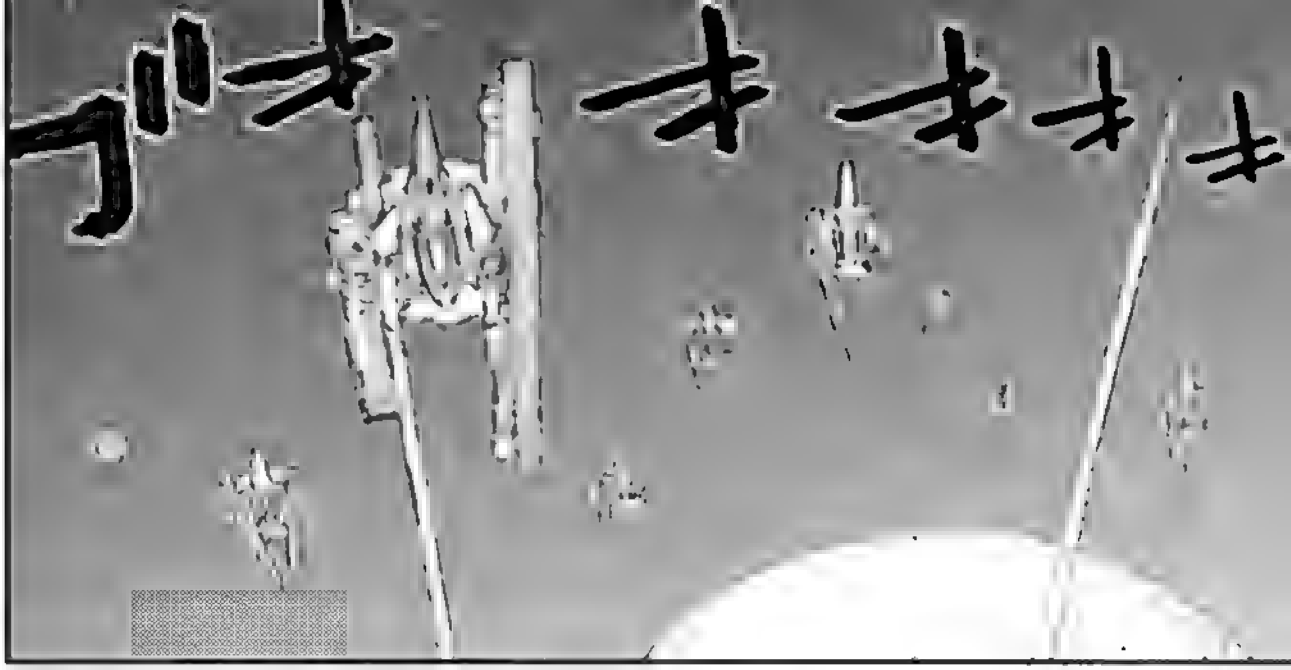

WELL, YEAH....
BUT IT DID HAVE AN EFFECT, THEY STRUCK THE GAUNA.

THE GUARDIANS ALONE AREN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO STOP THAT THING NOW.
OUR ATTACK UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS FAILED.



GRAVITY ALERT!
THE SHIP'S COMPARTMENTS WILL TEMPORARILY SWITCH TO A ZERO-GRAVITY STATE.

I'M NOT FINISHED INSTALLING THE PROTECTIVE SHUTTERS!
EH!? WAIT, WAIT!
PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SAFETY HARNESSES
EAST 400 HABUMRIEAU HOUSING INIST
I HAD HOPED THAT THESE KIND OF UNUSUAL STRATEGIES MIGHT STOP WITH BENISUZUME'S DEATH . GUESS I WAS WRONG.
IT'S SIMPLE, BUT TREMENDOUSLY EFFECTIVE.
WITH JUST ONE HUGE, HARD PLACENTAL CHUNK, WE GUARDIANS ARE OUT OF PLAY
SO, A CANNON SHOT



SAMARI SQUAD, OPEN FIRE!

GAUNA SURFACE IS CHANGING!

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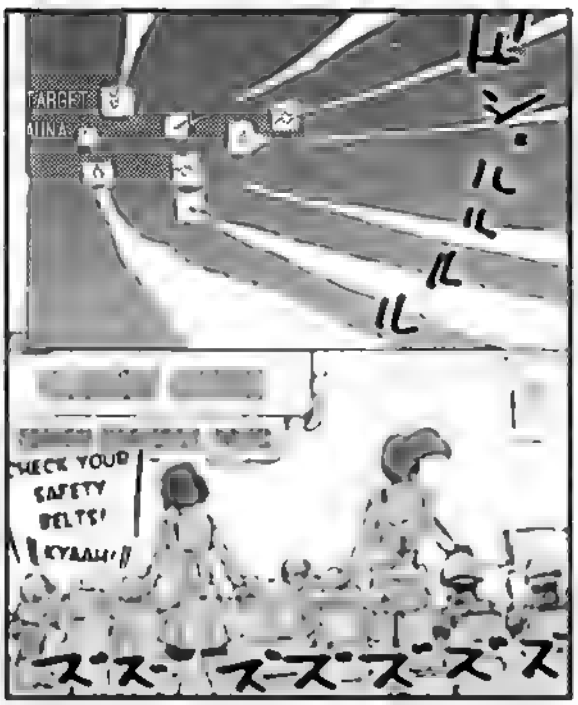
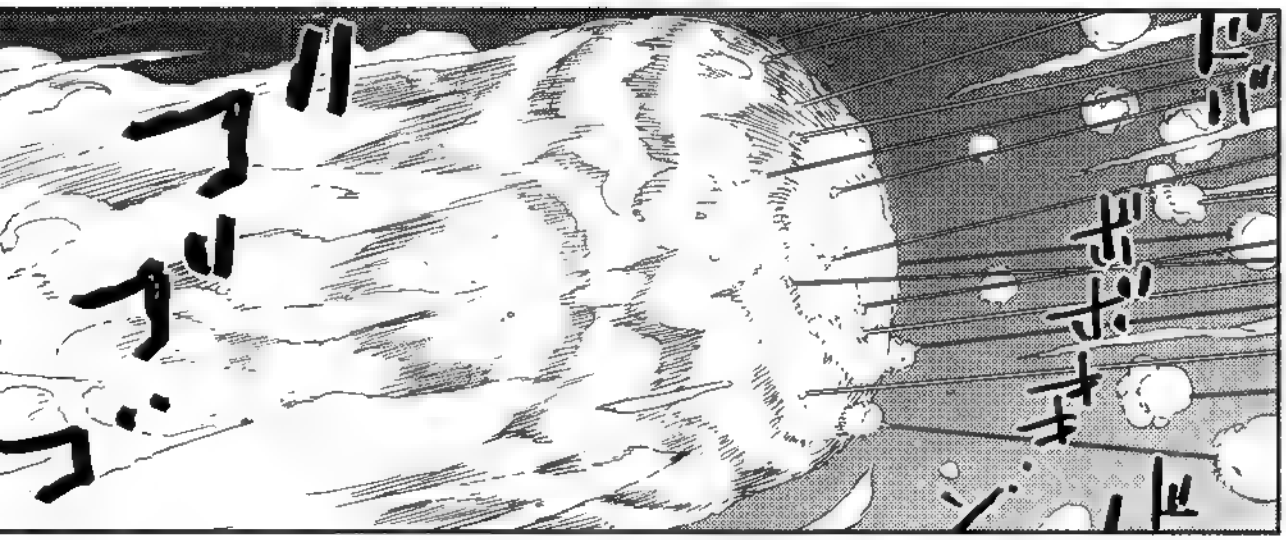
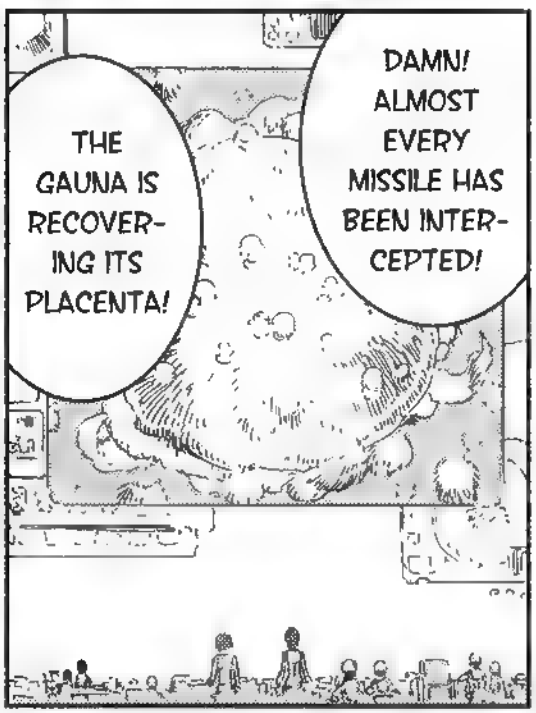
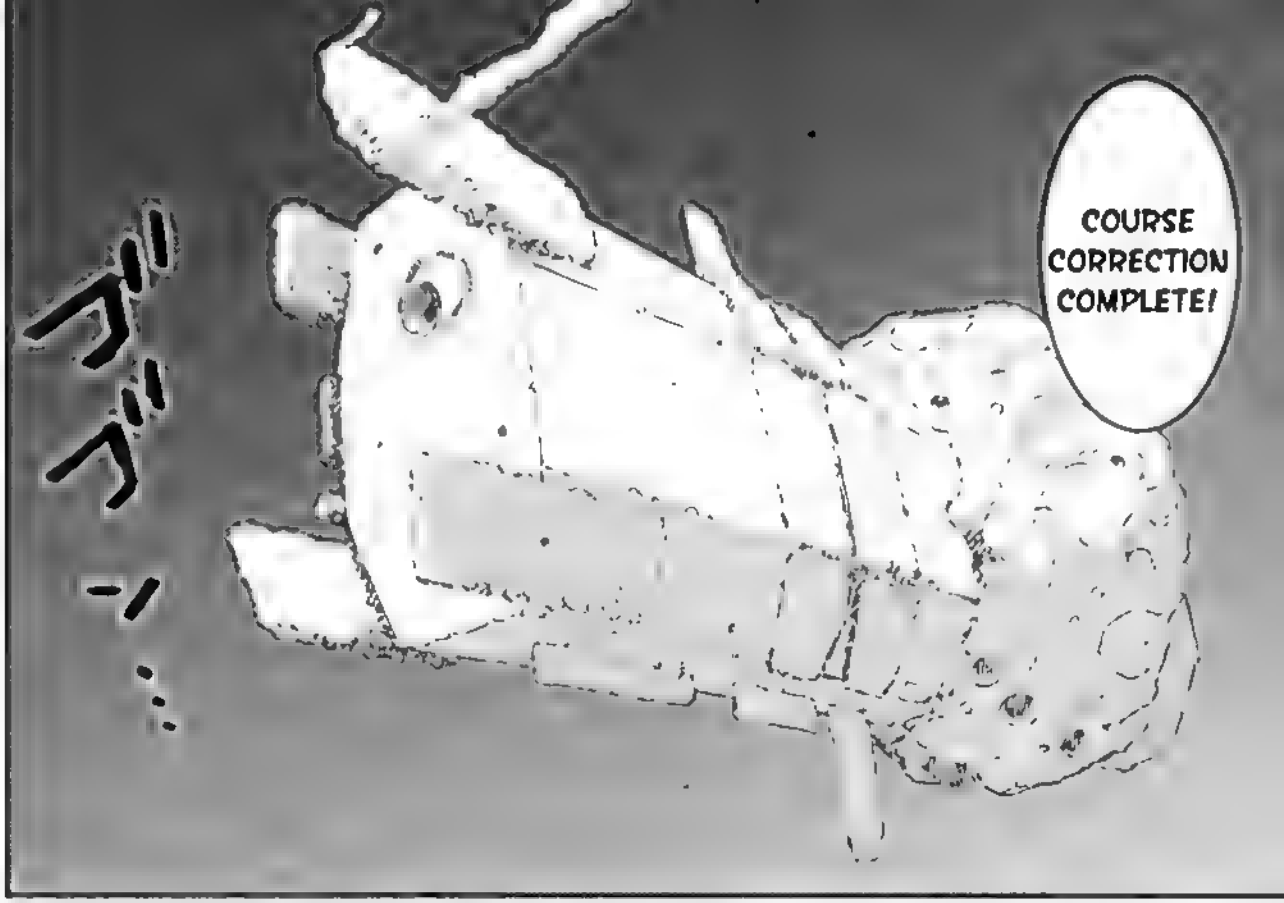
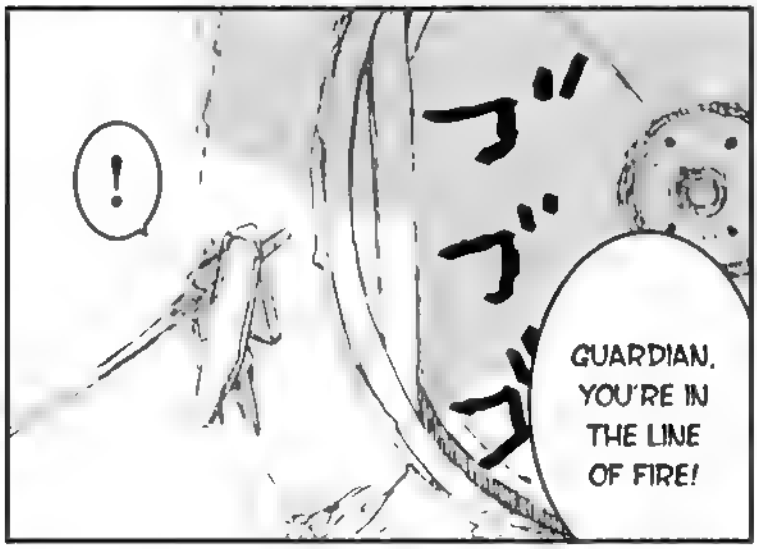

TARGET
AUNA
CHECK YOUR SAFETY BELTS!
KYAAH!!



WHERE ARE THE HAYAKAZE?
CURRENTLY ACCELE-RATING.


THE GAUNA IS RECOVER-ING ITS PLACENTA!
DAMN! ALMOST EVERY MISSILE HAS BEEN INTER-CEPTED!


COURSE CORRECTION COMPLETE!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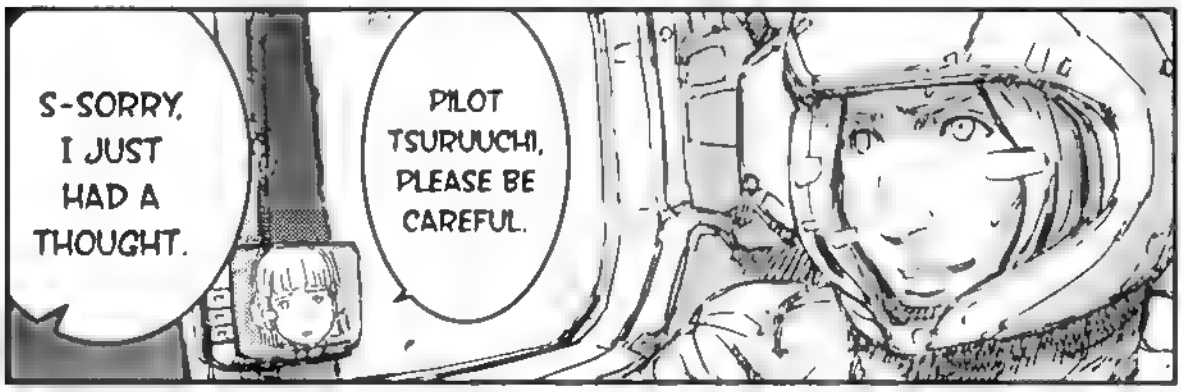
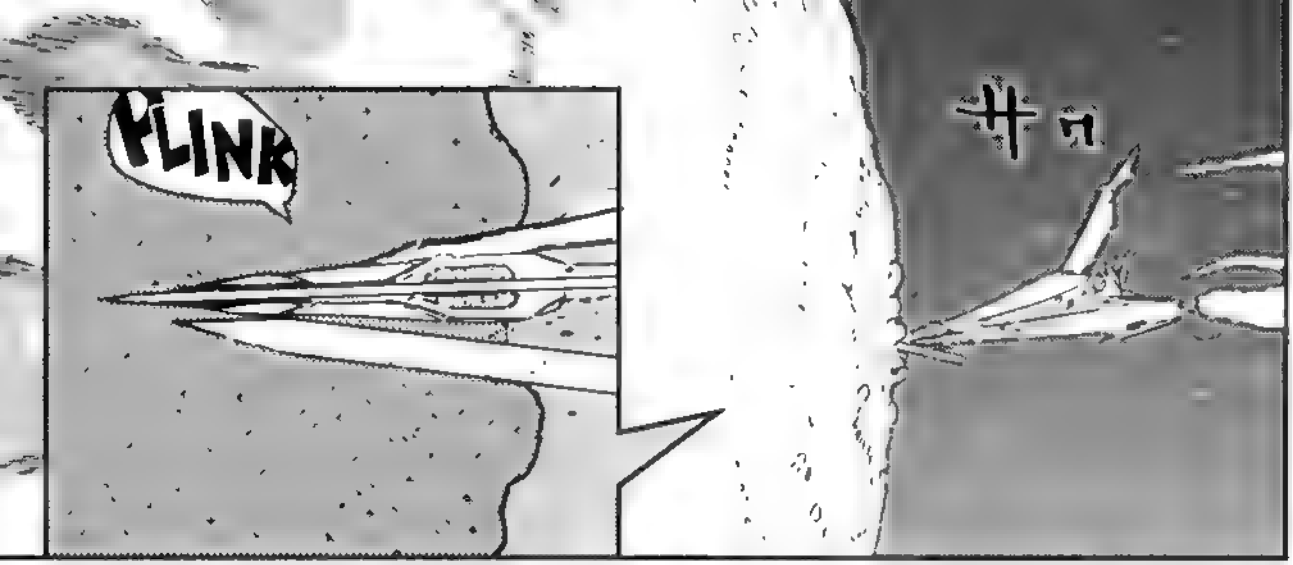
GUARDIAN, YOU'RE IN THE LINE OF FIRE!

OPENING GUN PORT!


S-SORRY, I JUST HAD A THOUGHT.
PILOT TSURUUCHI, PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

LAUNCHING THE TIPS!
THIS IS HAYAKAZE. WE'VE REACHED OPERATIONAL SPEED
HAYAKAZE NUMBER ONE, SEPA-
WHAT A REACT-ION!
IT DODGED THEM!
TARGET MISSED!!
HAYAKAZE NUMBER TWO, SEPA-RATING!

.....
BUT, THEN HOW CAN WE HIT IT?
IT KNOWS THAT THE HAYAKAZE ARE TRYING TO SPEAR IT.
THE GAUNA SHIFTED ITS AXIS IN TIME TO AVOID BOTH ATTACKS.
!!?
HAYAKAZE NUMBER THREE, SEPA-RATING!
DODGE THIS, BASTARD!
!!!
SQUAD LEAD, SEPARATE! HURRY!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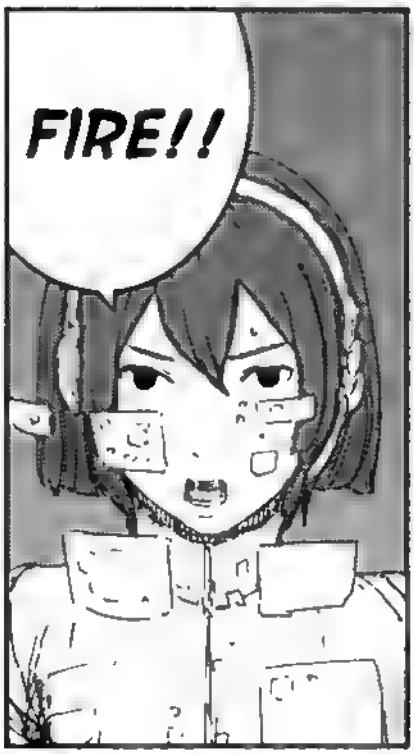
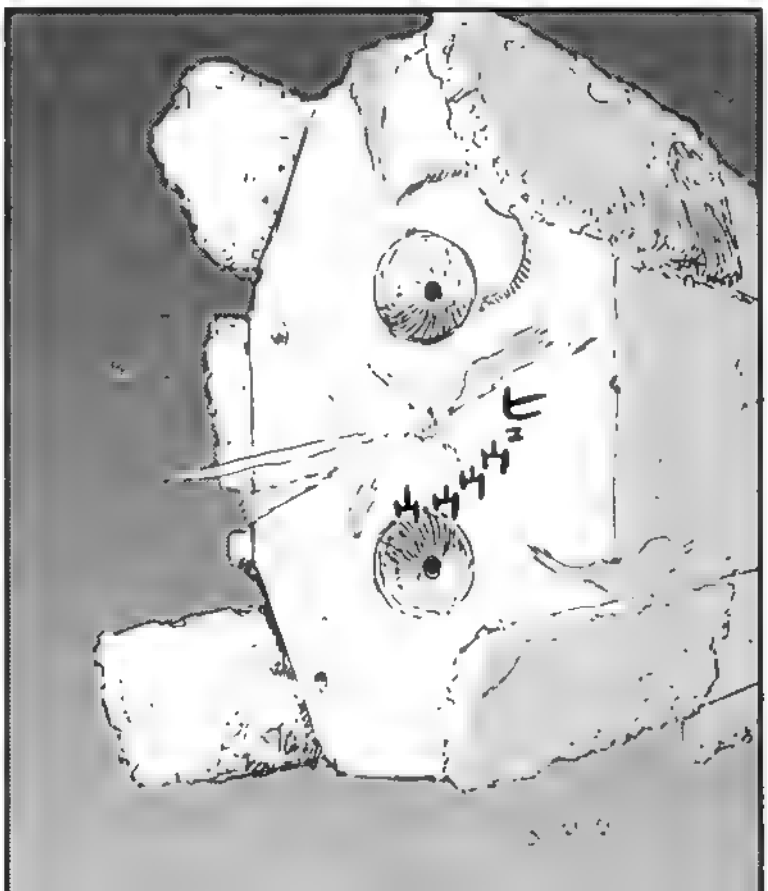
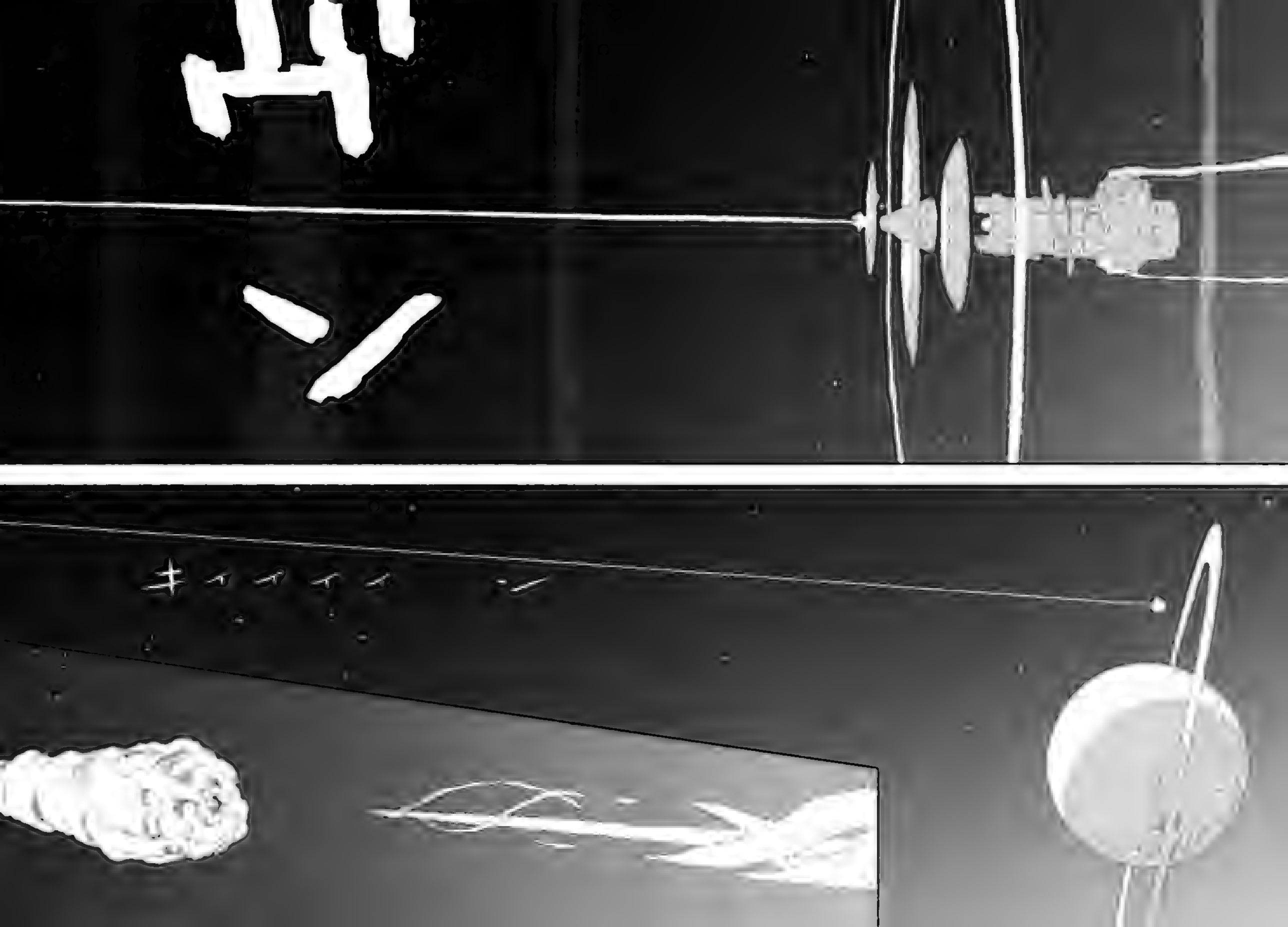
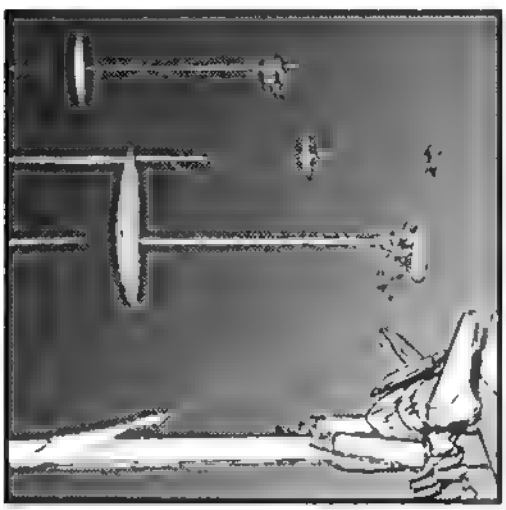
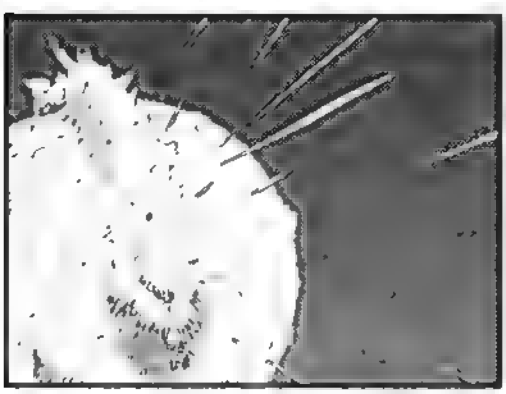

FIRE!!









WHAT CAN WE DO?
THE GUARDIANS CAN'T BLOW OFF PLACENTA THAT THICK!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, COMMANDER MIDORIKAWA!
THREE MINUTES UNTIL COLLISION!
PERCENTAGE OF DESTROYED PLACENTA 1%
GAUNA REGENERATING ITS PLACENTA!
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THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL!
WHAT'S WRONG, YUHATA? YOU ALWAYS PUT ON SUCH GRAND AIR
NO GOOD, WE CAN'T CATCH UP WITH IT!
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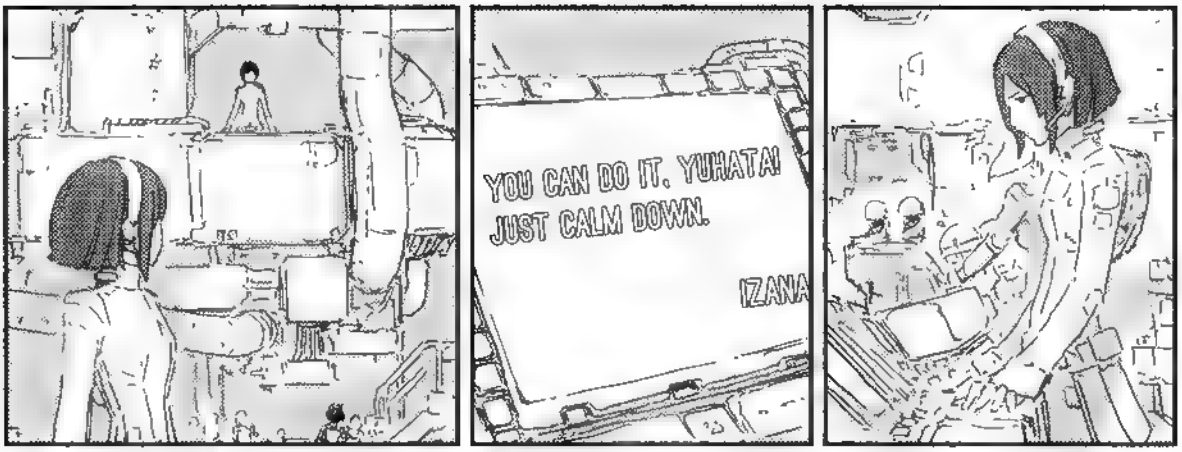
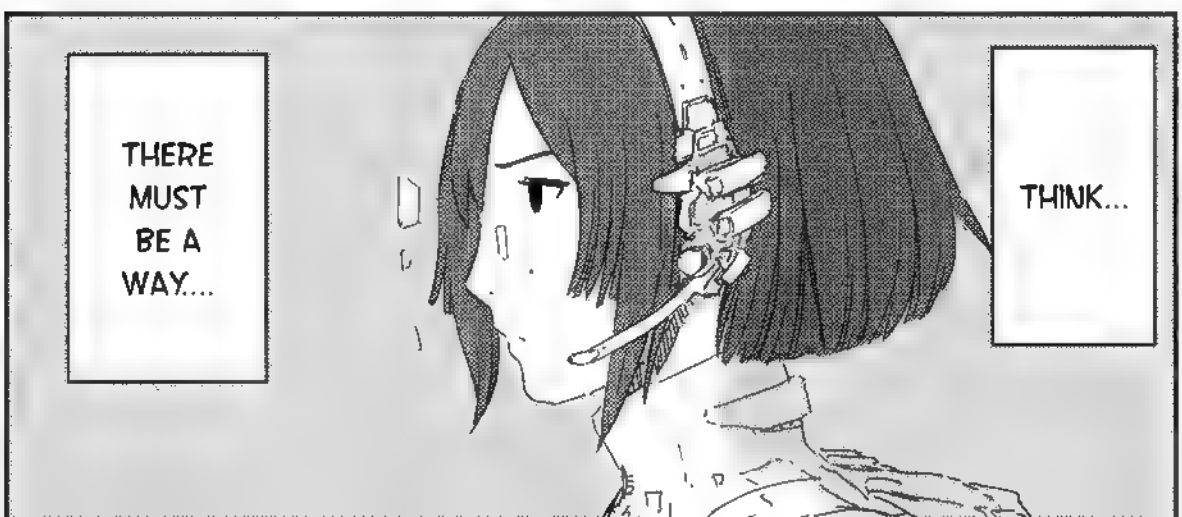
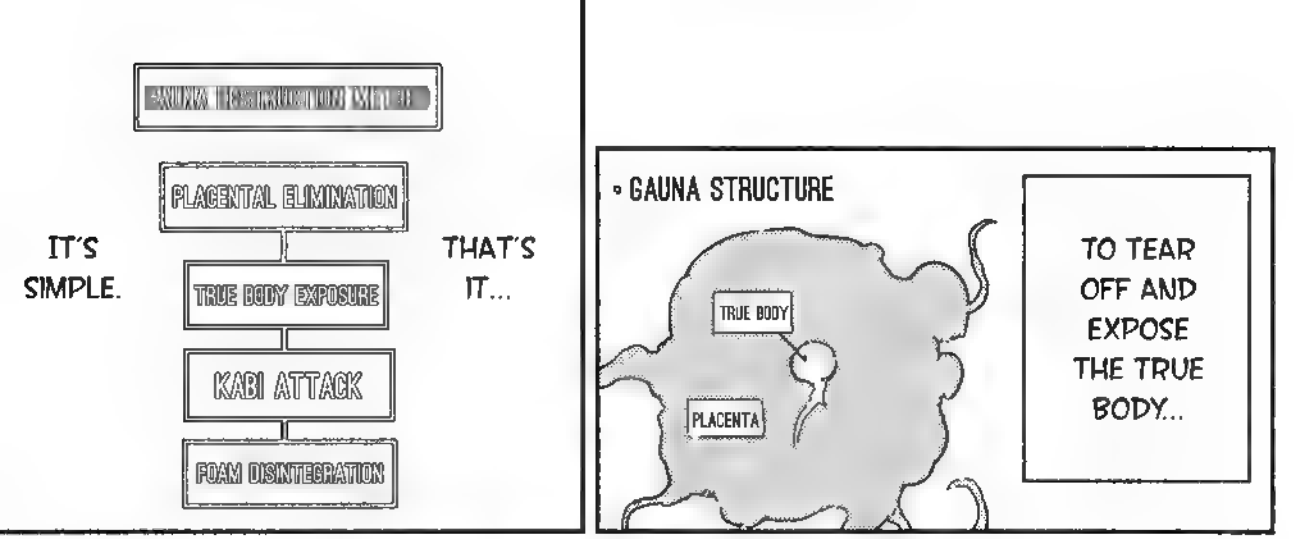
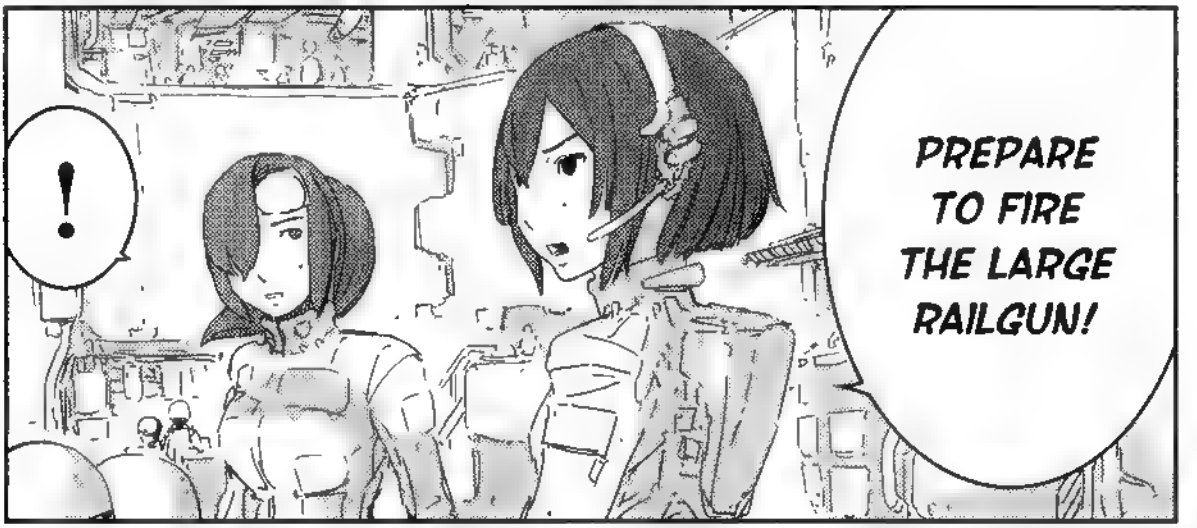

YOU CAN DO IT, YUHATA!
JUST CALM DOWN.
IZANA

THANK YOU, GIRLS


THERE MUST BE A WAY....
THINK...


GAUNA DESTRUCTION METHOD
PLACENTAL ELIMINATION
TRUE BODY EXPOSURE
KABI ATTACK
FOAM DISINTEGRATION
IT'S SIMPLE.
THAT'S IT...
◦ GAUNA STRUCTURE
TRUE BODY
PLACENTA
TO TEAR OFF AND EXPOSE THE TRUE BODY...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PREPARE TO FIRE THE LARGE RAILGUN!

DEFENDING GUARDIANS, PREPARE THE ANTI-GAUNA BULLETS AND STANDBY ON ALERT STATUS!
TO PREVENT THE GAUNA FROM EVADING, WE HAVE TO LET IT COME CLOSER BEFORE FIRING!
DESTROY THE TRUE BODY ON EXPOSURE!

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO.
BUT THE RECOIL FROM THE SHOT WILL DEVESTATE THE RESIDENTIAL AREA!

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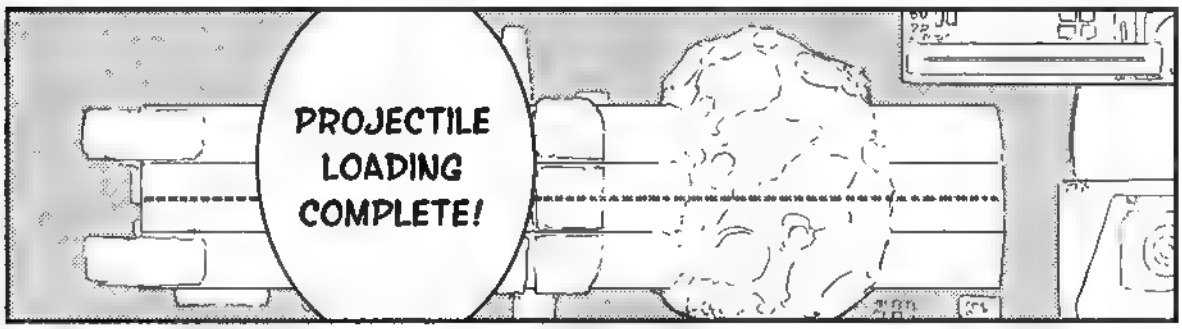
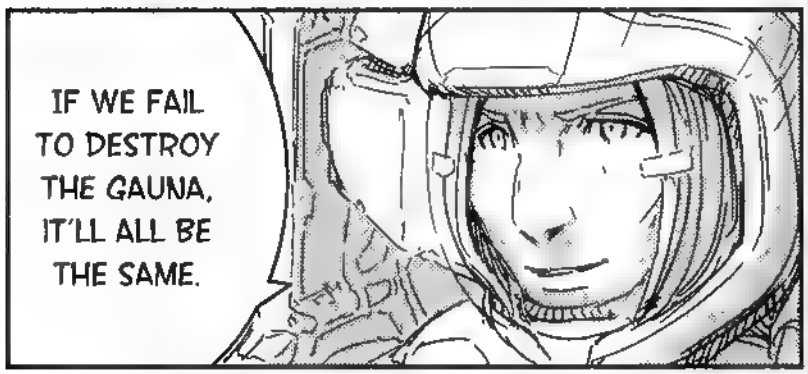
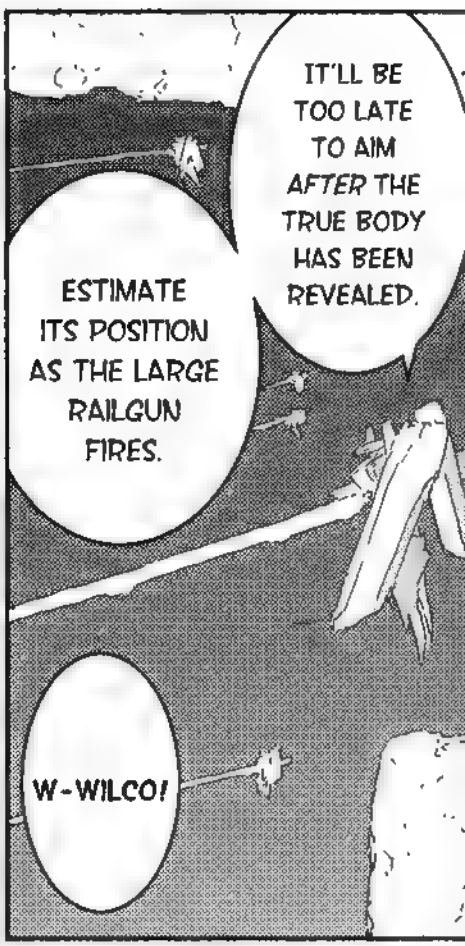
NO ISSUES ON ALL 28 KM OF THE PROJECTILE ACCELERATION RAIL, CLEAR!


PROJECTILE LOADING COMPLETE!

TSURUUCHI! YOU'LL BE CRUSHED IF YOU DON'T MOVE AWAY FROM THERE...!
SAMAR!! WILL YOU COME PHOTO-SYNTHESIZE WITH ME IF I SHOOT IT DOWN?


IF WE FAIL TO DESTROY THE GAUNA, IT'LL ALL BE THE SAME.


IT'LL BE TOO LATE TO AIM AFTER THE TRUE BODY HAS BEEN REVEALED.
ESTIMATE ITS POSITION AS THE LARGE RAILGUN FIRES.
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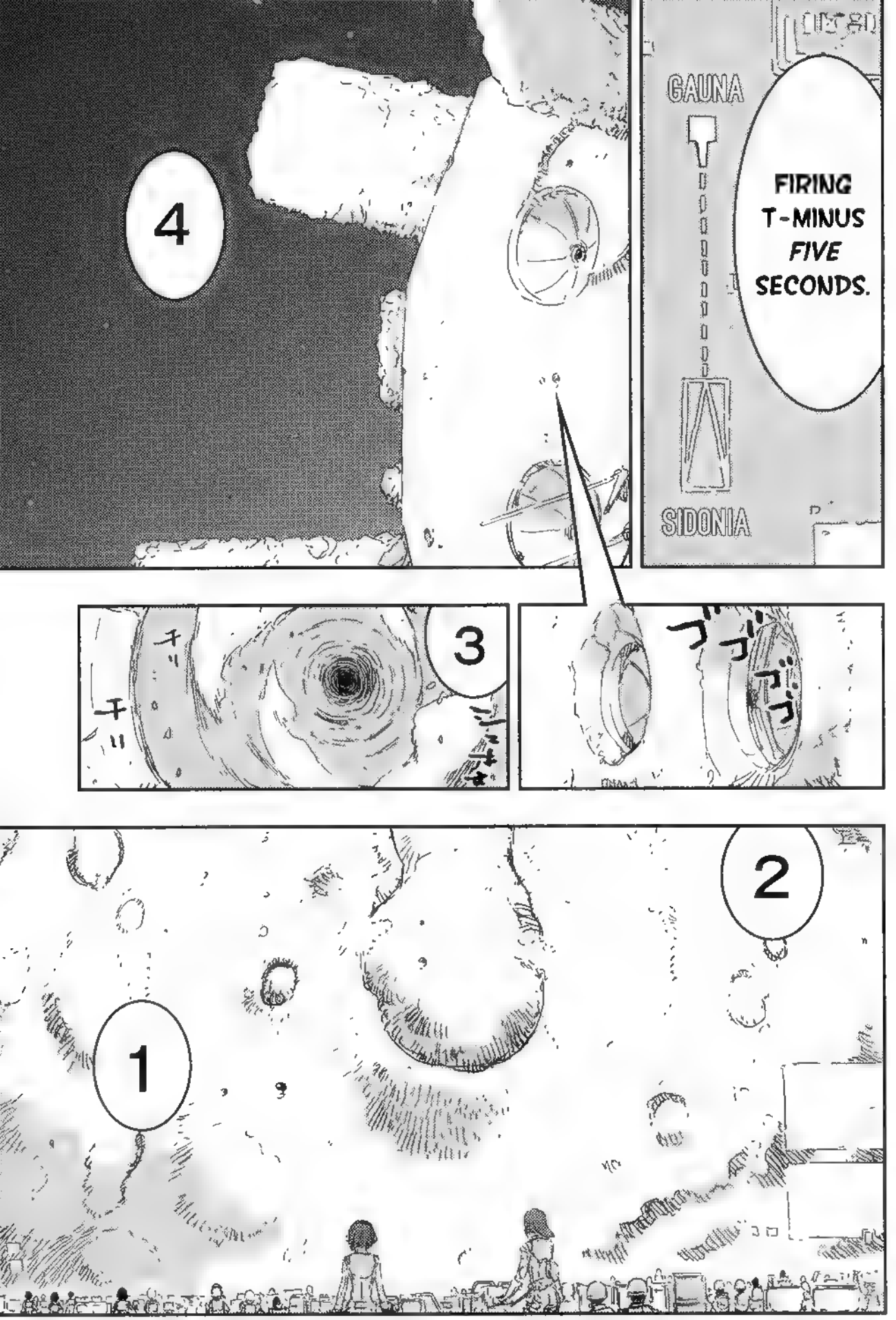
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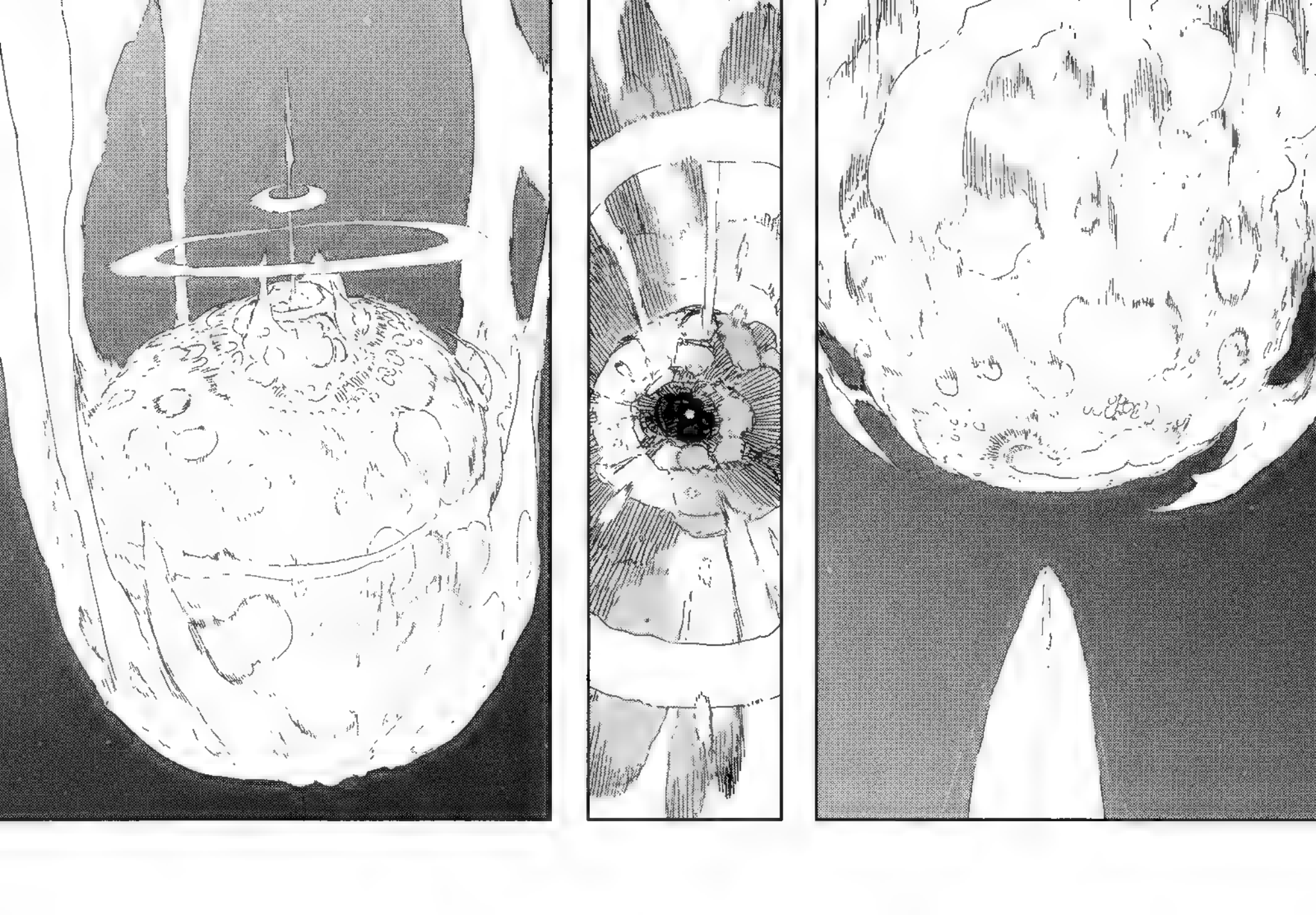

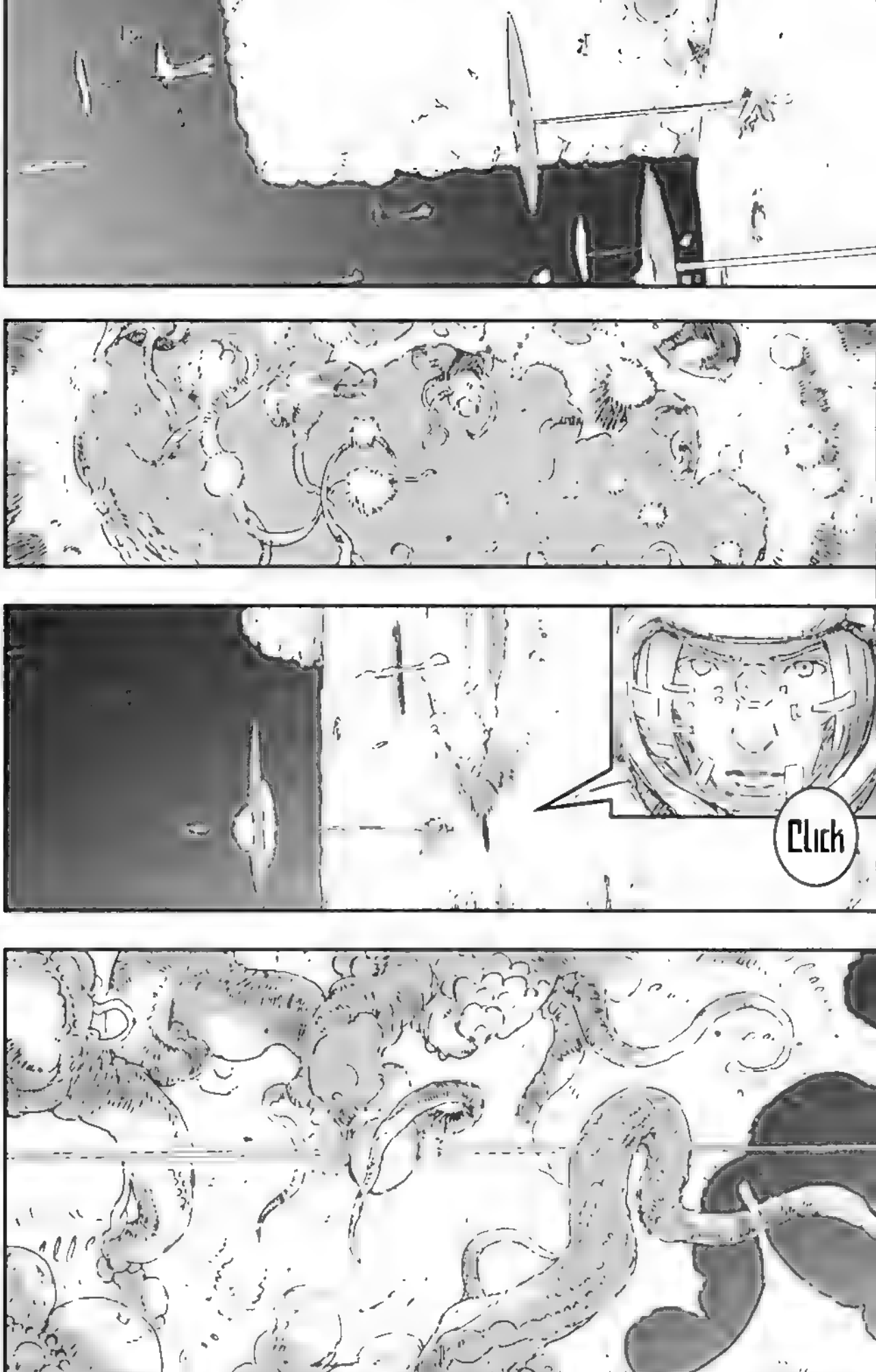
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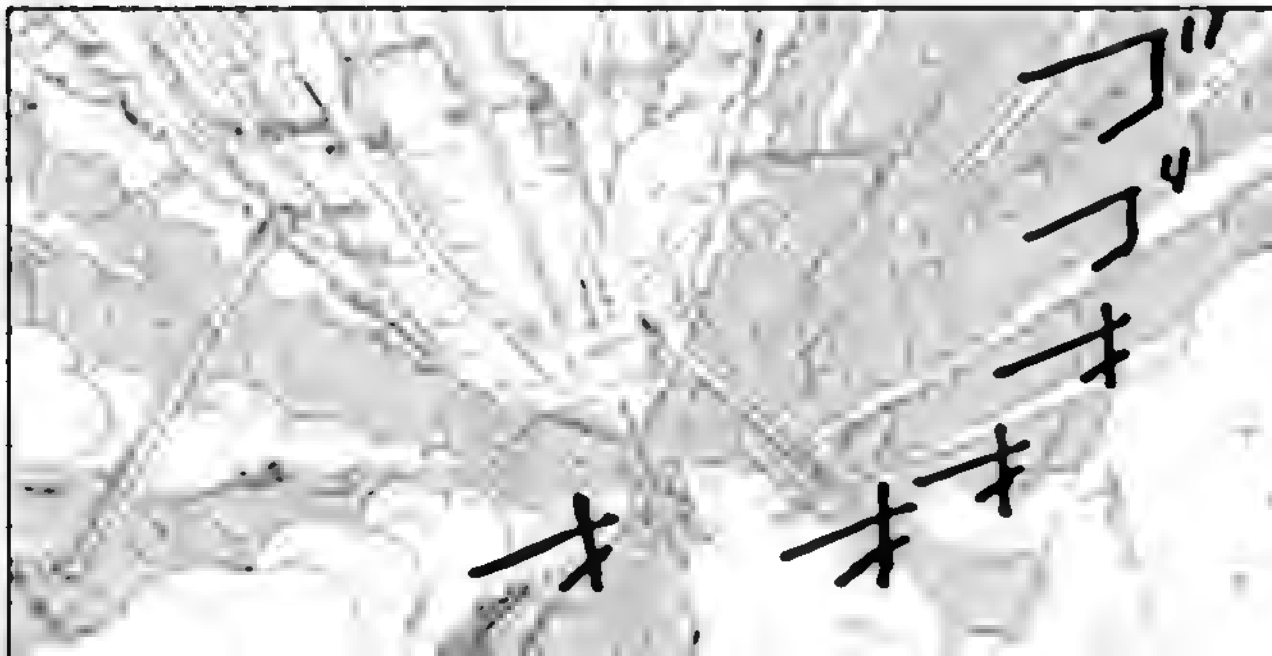
FIRE MAIN ENGINE!
WE'RE GETTING CAUGHT IN LEM-IX'S GRAVITY!
SHIP FALLING OUT OF ORBIT DUE TO RECOIL!
GAUNA FOAM DISINTE-GRATION CONFIRMED!



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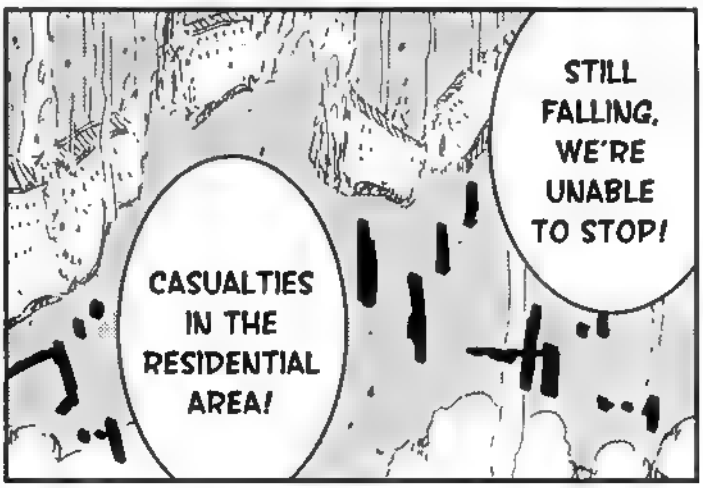
CASUALTIES IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA!
STILL FALLING. WE'RE UNABLE TO STOP!
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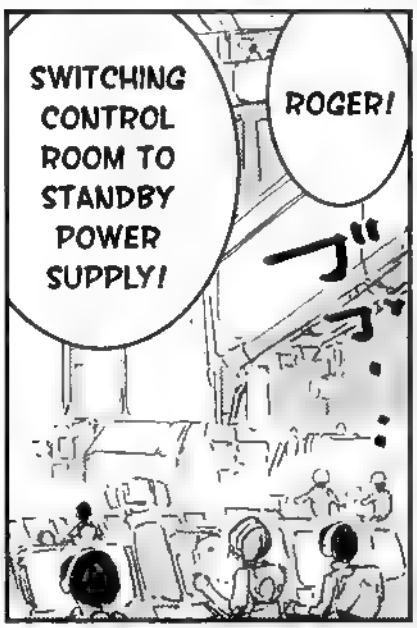
SWITCHING CONTROL ROOM TO STANDBY POWER SUPPLY!
ROGER!
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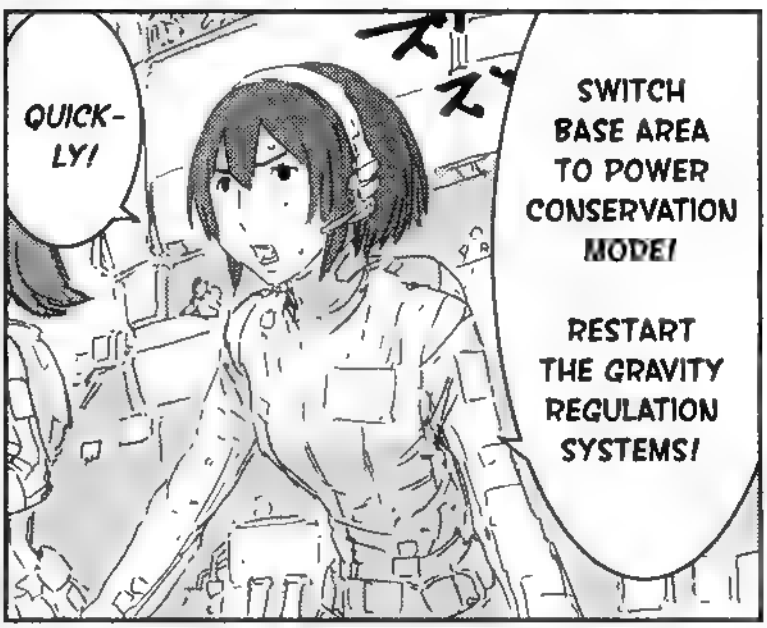
QUICK-LY!
SWITCH BASE AREA TO POWER CONSERVATION MODE!
RESTART THE GRAVITY REGULATION SYSTEMS!
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KYAAH!
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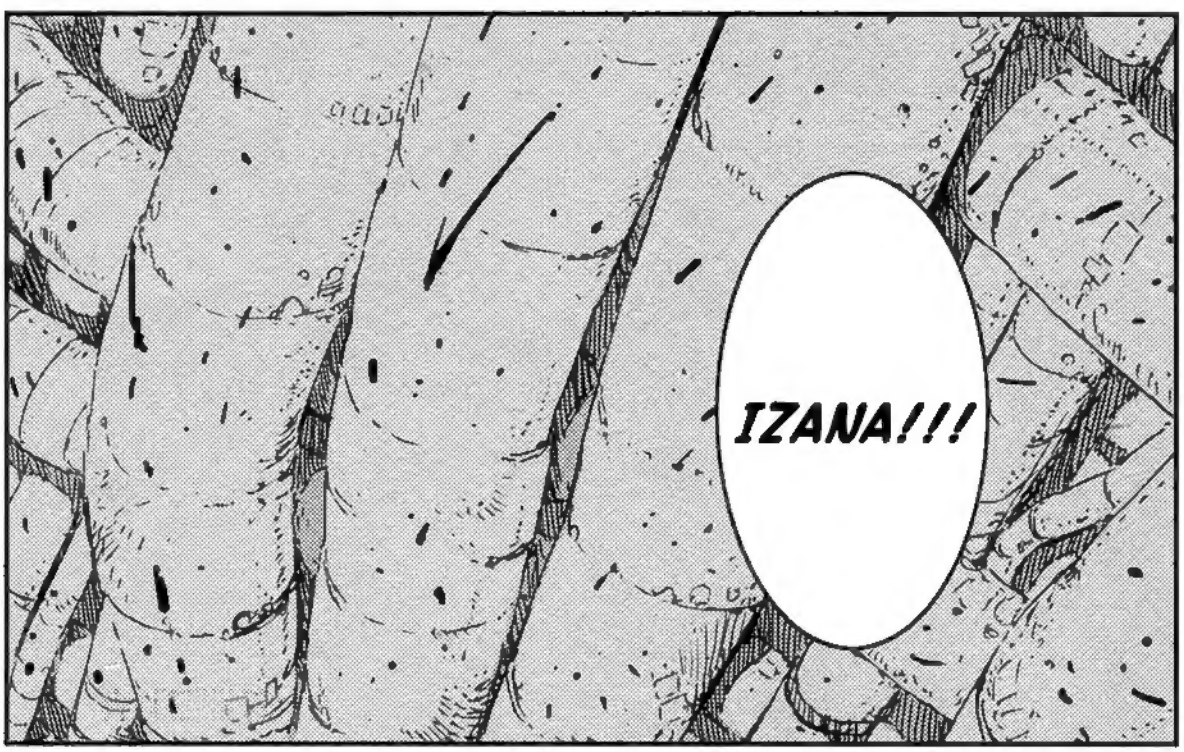
ベラ
HOLD HER, DON'T LET GO!
TAP
BAM
スールル
FLANK

COMM-
ANDER!


IZANA!!!

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